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Hezbollah leaders declare deal on Western captives is 'still in the works'

Israel ready to make gesture on hostages



Perez de Cuellar: mailbox for hostage talks

FROM ALI JABER IN BEIRUT, RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND GEORGE BROCK IN GENEVA

A COMPREHENSIVE deal to free seven Western hostages and hundreds of Arabs held in Israel and Lebanon is "in the works", and could begin with the release of dozens of Arabs within the next few days, a senior Muslim fundamentalist said yesterday.

As he spoke in Beirut, Israeli ministers confirmed that their government would free some of the detainees if it received firm information on seven servicemen who have been missing in Lebanon since 1982.

The stance was relayed to the United Nations secretary-general, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, at a meeting in Geneva yesterday, who said later that the Israelis were being "very flexible" on the evidence they required about their soldiers and airman. While remaining hopeful that a solution could be found to the hostage issue, he cautioned that it would be "perhaps naive" to expect it within the next few days.

Uri Lubrani, the Israeli special envoy who met Señor Pérez de Cuéllar yesterday, said that there had been no discussion of Israel making a unilateral gesture of releasing a few detainees. But Benjamin Netanyahu, the deputy foreign minister, said in Jerusalem that Israel would "make concessions" in return for solid information about its servicemen, and Ori Slonim, one of Mr Lubrani's negotiating team in Geneva, thought "almost with certainty" that after a sign of life of the missing men, "we will make a gesture".

In Beirut, the senior fundamentalist insisted, however, that the kidnappers had received guarantees from a third party that Israel would be freeing tens of Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners in return for the release last week of John McCarthy and Edward Tracy. He ruled out the possibility that Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, the Hezbollah cleric held in Israel since 1989, would be among those freed, and it was also made clear in Jerusalem that he would be the last to go.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said after his 90-minute meeting with the Israeli delegation that his next move would be to try to obtain from Islamic and Palestinian groups the assurances Israel was seeking. Ahmed Jibril, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command, said yesterday that three of the Israelis were alive, one was dead and a three-man tank crew was missing, presumed dead.

Both the UN secretary-general and Mr Lubrani were at pains to point out yesterday that the next stage of the negotiations would be taking place in a "much quieter manner" away from the media spotlight. It was clear from the information emerging from Beirut and Jerusalem yesterday that the main thrust of the bargaining is being conducted behind the scenes in the Middle East, with all sides using Señor Pérez de Cuéllar as a "mailbox".

If a comprehensive deal is finally achieved, it will involve only seven Western hostages. The kidnappers have agreed that two Germans being held will be released only in return for the freedom of the Hamedi brothers in jail in Germany for terrorist offences.

Lebanese police said yesterday that Alberto Molinari, an Italian businessman who had lived in west Beirut for more than thirty years, was killed by mistake shortly after he was abducted while driving across the green line dividing east and west Beirut.

The Germans who will be excluded from any overall deal are Henrich Struebig and Thomas Kemptner, relief workers who were captured in southern Lebanon in 1989. They are believed to have been seized on the orders of Abdel Hadi Hamadi, the elder brother of Muhammad and Abbas Hamadi. All three are members of Hezbollah, the group behind most of the kidnappings. Muhammad was jailed for life in 1989 for hijacking a TWA airliner and Abbas was convicted a year earlier of kidnapping two businessmen to try to force the release of his brother, then awaiting trial.

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Lubrani: negotiations out of the spotlight

Maths decline mars record A-level success

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

RECORD numbers of A-level passes will be displayed in schools and colleges today. A third successive year of rising standards was marred only by a continuing decline in science and mathematics.

A breakdown of the results released yesterday by the eight examination boards showed a pass rate of 77.8 per cent, almost 1 per cent better than last year. Slightly more A grades were awarded, and there was an overall rise in the top three grades. The numbers taking AS-levels also rose, by 12.5 per cent, although the number of candidates remained small compared with A-levels. The pass rate for the "halfway house" examination also improved.

Politicians and educationists interpreted the rising pass rates as confirmation of the success of GCSE examinations, which critics consider an inadequate preparation for A-level study. The National Association of Head Teachers said the results demonstrated that "the time has come to stop the sniping" at GCSE.

Derek Fatchett, a Labour education spokesman, said that the results provided further indication of the success of GCSEs in their present form: "It is a great shame that the government now wants to turn the clock back with GCSE. By doing so, they are putting at risk the success of the examination and the better staying-on rates of the last two years."

Tim Eggar, the education minister, said: "The slight increase in the overall pass rate indicates that more need not mean worse. The examination boards have been at great pains to ensure that the high standards associated with A-levels are maintained." Inspectors attended examiners' meetings to ensure that standards were comparable.

Business studies, French, German and Spanish all registered increases of more than 10 per cent in the number of A-level candidates. There were also big rises in social sciences, English, music and technological subjects. However, mathematics, economics, physics and chemistry all had substantially fewer entries. Peter Mullins, the Joint Matriculation Board's senior assistant secretary, said: "The trend for the last few years has been to see science and maths subjects going down and that has to be regretted. We don't know why it is but it may have something to do with a shortage of specialist teachers in those subjects."

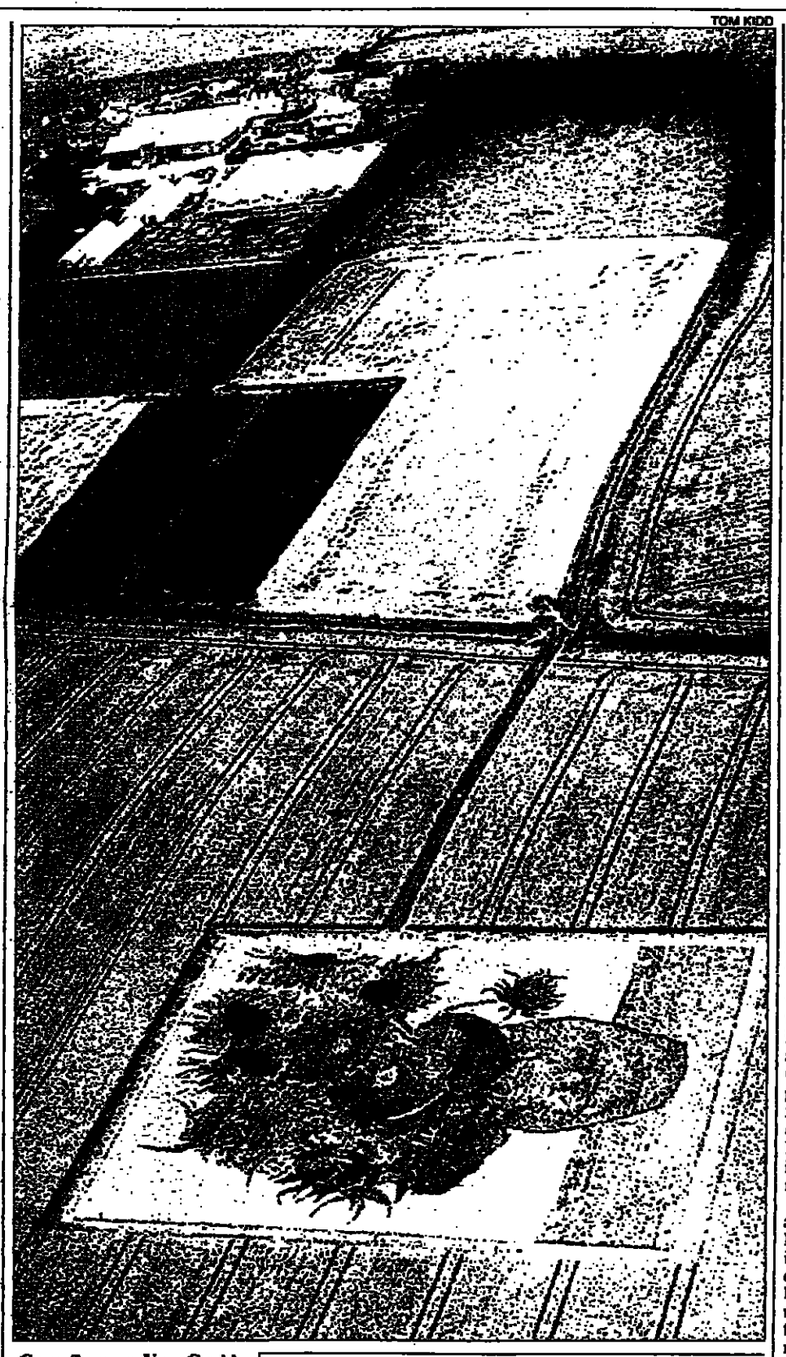
David Hart, general-secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "The decrease in A-level entries for maths and sciences is deeply worrying, not least in terms of this country's economic and industrial needs."

Alan Smithers, professor of education at Manchester university, said: "It may be that a smaller proportion of the population is capable of doing the sciences at this level. The 5 per cent taking them in 1962 was only slightly behind the figure for the arts and

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TOM KIDD



Corn flowers: Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* has taken on a new bloom in a wheatfield at Heriot, near Duns in the Scottish borders, where Andrew Scott, aged 24, a nursery owner from Wishaw, Lanarkshire, has recreated the Impressionist masterpiece with six plant varities, including nine colours of French marigolds. Planting the 250,000 seedlings took 20 people seven days last month; now the floral "canvas" is big enough at 46,000 sq ft to be seen from a satellite.

German rise may hit UK rate fall

By ANATOLE KALETSKY ECONOMICS EDITOR

THE German Bundesbank is likely to announce today a rise in its key official interest rate to a post-war record level, putting upward pressure on interest rates in the UK and the rest of Europe.

An increase in German interest rates became a virtual certainty yesterday morning after the Bundesbank stepped into the Frankfurt money market to drain funds from the country's banks.

The higher Lombard rate is likely to be announced at lunchtime after a meeting of the Bundesbank's governing council. If the Lombard rate is raised to 9½ per cent, this would equal the record level reached briefly in the late 1960s and again in the wake of the second oil crisis in 1980.

The extent to which a rise in the Lombard rate would put pressure on interest rates in Britain and throughout Europe will depend on the reactions of international investors and speculators, as transmitted through the currency markets and the European exchange-rate mechanism.

At present the pound is viewed favourably by investors, partly because market interest rates in Britain are about two points above the German level. Bankers and government officials are therefore optimistic that at least one further half point cut in British rates would be possible if the German Lombard rate rose from 9 to 9½ per cent.

In France market rates are already around the German level. A Bundesbank tightening today would probably dash the French government's hopes of lowering interest rates in the near future, even though French inflation is now well below Germany's and the domestic economy is sliding into recession.

Today's council meeting will be the first chaired by Helmut Schlesinger, who took over on August 1 as Bundesbank president. In the past few weeks, Herr Schlesinger, long considered the central bank's most ardent hawk against inflation, has been dropping strong hints about the need for a monetary tightening after recent "unacceptable" rises in inflation.

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Britons defy new Majorca image

Bill Frost visits teeming Majorca and sees how efforts to dispel the boozy image are failing in Magaluf, where holidaying Britons enjoy a diet of sun, sand and vodka

Sand flies take breakfast early in Magaluf and there is plenty of salmon-pink British flesh to choose from on the beach. By dawn, the lager-sodden lumps sleeping off hangovers under the stars are scratching furiously at a fresh crop of unsightly blemishes.

Last weekend the Foreign Office warned tourists that Majorca was full; all beds were taken. Of course, the hooligan faction did not listen. They packed spare-capacity charter flights to the island and here they are, large as life and twice as ugly in drink, despoiling one of Majorca's best beaches.

The scenes seriously undermine the resort's attempt to wash away the holiday hooligan image which has dogged Magaluf for a decade. Last year travel operators, hoteliers and bar-owners produced a "crash programme" to discourage the hooligan element.

Happy hours with half-price drinks were outlawed, police patrols increased and trees were planted, to give the resort less of a concrete-jungle-on-sea look.

The technique has worked elsewhere in Majorca; the island's image as a whole is distinctly more up-market than it was five years ago. But Magaluf remains the last stronghold of the lager swilling lout.

Sid does his rounds at about 1 am. "Hash, acid, cocaine," he bellows at the comatose shapes. Every so often one of the lumps stirs briefly and buys something that will make him feel even worse in the morning. Sid, who comes from Romford, Essex, is a night bird. "I come out around 1am 'cause I know that's when the lads will need a bit of a pick-me-up for the discos and bars," he said.

Juan Ferrer, a security guard at a beach bar and restaurant, does his best to wake the sleepers and move them on. "This summer

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The audited daily circulation of *The Times* for July was 390,572. Since Easter, *The Times* had widened its lead over the *Independent* (369,000) from 9,000 to 21,000 and narrowed the gap with the *Guardian* (405,000) from 40,000 to 14,000.

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Mother-in-law hostage

AN ARMED gang yesterday stole £350,000 from a security van after kidnapping a woman who offered herself as hostage for her pregnant daughter (Quentin Cowdry writes). Eileen Mahon, aged 52, was held for 22 hours in the fourth kidnapping of its kind in the Southeast in 18 days.

Police voiced serious concern about the spate of kidnappings after disclosing that a Post Office worker had been forced into driving a security van laden with cash to a secret rendezvous in Kent.

James Hogan agreed to the gang's demands after Mrs Mahon, his mother-in-law, was abducted from his home in Dartford, Kent, on Tuesday. Neither Mr Hogan nor Mrs Mahon was hurt.

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Cardiff sets a price on footballers' success

By PETER VICTOR

THE spirit of John Major's citizen's charter is filtering down to the fans on the windswept terraces of Ninian Park, home of Cardiff City football club. When the new season opens on Saturday poor performance from the team will be compensated by reduced prices for supporters.

The reasoning is straightforward business economics in the Thatcherite tradition. Only if the Bluebirds — as the team is known — reach the top three in the fourth division will fans be expected to pay the full entrance fee.

In the Bob Bank stand, popular with many fans, they will pay £3 if the team is eighth or lower. Prices will increase to £4 if it rises to between seventh and fourth position; and a first, second or third place will lift prices to £5. Tickets for juniors and pensioners will be £2 regardless.

The scheme has been dreamed up by Rick Wright, chairman of the Barry Island holiday resort, who bought the club in April and is its financial controller. The ground has a 20,000 capacity, but last year crowd saveraged only 3,000 to 3,500. "I'd rather have 8,000 people paying half price than 4,000 paying the full amount," Mr Wright said. "For £5 you expect to see a promotion-winning side. Unless the fans are watching such a side, they won't be paying £5."

The idea is a twist on the citizen's charter. "In this case, though, we start out from the bottom price. If the team makes it to the top eight and the play-offs, then people pay for the added value," Mr Wright said. "Cardiff City finished last season in its lowest position for 100 years. When the season starts on Saturday we'll be giving people value for money. Once we start giving them quality, we'll expect them to pay the full price."

The Football League has seen nothing like it. "They are certainly at liberty to do it," a spokesman said. "Let's hope the fans respond accordingly."

Eddie May, club manager, said the players were also likely to benefit. "If there are a lot of people here, it creates a nice atmosphere and the team plays better. If we have some success, then prices go up. But by then people will want to watch us anyway."

Mike Lambert, chairman of the supporters' club, agreed. "This is very refreshing. The club are considering the needs of supporters, and the value for money, which supporters usually don't get."

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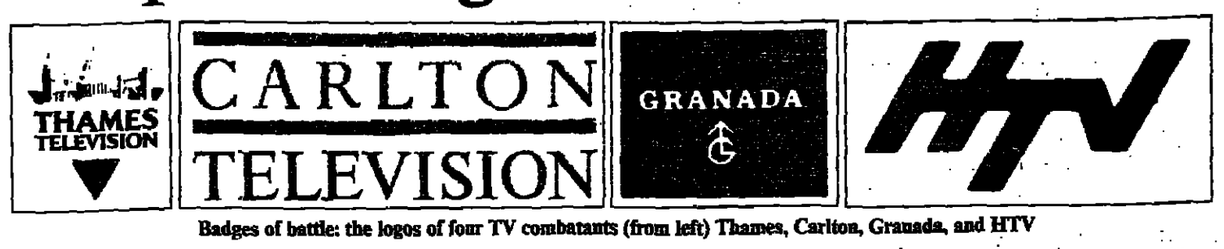


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Thames gloom deepens in fight for lucrative TV franchise

TV companies are saying nothing as they slug it out for franchises, but there are plenty of rumours, reports **Melinda Wittstock**



Badges of battle: the logos of four TV combatants (from left) Thames, Carlton, Granada, and HTV

MORALE has been low at Thames Television's Euston Road offices since late May when speculation first began that the undisputed jewel in the crown of the ITV network had been outbid by its two rivals in the widely-criticised blind auction for the new Channel 3 licences.

Now, with City analysts and media consultants agreed that it is unlikely Thames has bid more than between £35 million and £40 million, morale at the company is certain to fall further with an unconfirmed report suggesting that Carlton Communications, widely acknowledged as Thames's only serious rival when it comes to quality programming, has bid between £48 and £49 million at 1993 prices.

Although the broadcasting industry appears more or less decided that Carlton will emerge the ultimate victor in the battle for the lucrative London weekday 10-year licence, forcing Thames into independent production or out of business, the final result in late October is still uncertain.

Not one of the 16 incumbents or their rivals have confirmed, denied or made any comment about the bids reported in stockbroker circulars or newspapers this summer. Many even admit some figures could be misleading.

"It all seems to be speculation more than anything else. The companies are not talking because they have promised the ITC they will not," said Charles Levison, managing director of CPV-TV, the Richard Branson/David Frost consortium, which is reported to have offered £45 million for Thames.

"We have not said anything to anyone about the size of our bids," Mr Levison said. "There is some question whether the reported figures are right and even if they are, we don't know what the ITC is going to do."

Peter Ibbotson, Carlton's director of corporate affairs, said: "We cannot confirm those figures, and naturally we do not take journalists' reports as gospel. Let's just say I'm not depressed by what I read."

The highest cash bidder is not necessarily the winner. No one except ITC members know whether the regulator will be willing to risk litigation by invoking the exceptional circumstances clause to let a lower bidder win.

Thames, the largest supplier of programmes to the ITV network and best-known for *The Bill*, *Minder* and *This is Your Life*, could still retain its franchise if the ITC uses exceptional circumstances to ensure that the network does not lose 40 per cent of its top-rated networked programmes now supplied by Thames.

The fortunes of Granada, the makers of *Coronation Street* which set quality television standards with *Jewel in the Crown* and *Brideshead Revisited*, also rest with the exceptional circumstances clause. With a bid of about £20 million, it is trailing Phil Redmond's North West Television by between £8 million and £15 million.

Chaos on the ITV network is expected if both linchpins of the network, and possibly another big contractor, lose out to newcomers. Yorkshire looks set to hold on with a bid of about £34 million, Central is unopposed and thought in some quarters to have bid just £1 million, but LWT is believed to be neck- and-neck with its challenger, London Independent Broadcasting, in the £35 million to £40 million range.

Given the variance between some reported bids, it is feared that the ITV network will be destablised with new Channel 3 licensees unable to agree on their contributions to the commissioning budget. Scottish, which has bid less than £1 million, will want to spend more on the network than TVS, which might not be able to carry its weight after coughing up £59.8 million a year at 1993 prices if it wins.

The larger-than-expected bids, particularly from vulnerable incumbents such as TVS and HTV (at an unconfirmed £20 million), appear to confirm the industry's worst fears about the blind tender. With more than £300 million a year now destined for the Treasury rather than the screen, the quality of programmes can only decline come 1993.

Loyalists are held after gun attack on jail bus

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

SEVERAL Loyalists were being questioned by police last night after a minibus taking women and children to visit republican prisoners was ambushed by gunmen at Markethill, Co Armagh, yesterday morning.

The minibus was on a regular welfare run from Newry, Co Down, to the Maze prison in Co Antrim. It was about ten miles from Armagh City, where more relatives were to be picked up, when it was fired upon. The driver told everybody to get down and pressed on for Armagh, where he alerted police.

Police said the minibus was struck by up to ten bullets in a sustained burst of fire. One of the six women was hit in the leg, another suffered bruising, and a third was treated for shock. A taxi driver who saw the minibus arrive, said one woman was sitting on the ground with a leg saturated in blood.

"She was conscious and quite calm," he said. "She had a baby in her arms. The child was hysterical. I counted six bullet holes from the driver's door to the back of the bus." He said that two or three windows had been shot out.

Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, said the intended target of the attack was Tommy Carroll, a former councillor from Armagh who normally drove the bus.

Police said the detained men were being questioned about serious terrorist crime. Police were also examining a vehicle driven by the men when they were arrested. A spokesman said the minibus had been stopped earlier by a routine police patrol at 8.50am as it left Newry, but that this was "purely coincidental". There was no truth in allegations that the minibus had been followed by a police car.

Meanwhile, in Newry, relatives and friends of six men from the town told by the IRA to leave Ireland by Saturday or be killed, picketed the local Sinn Fein offices in protest.

The IRA said the men were being expelled because they were part of a criminal gang. The order for them to get out of the country, which has been condemned by politicians and church leaders, came after an attack on two Sinn Fein members on Sunday who were beaten with iron bars. Two of the six are believed to have already left and three of the others are thought to have taken part in the protest.

Pub bomb 'planted in frustration'

By QUENTIN COWDRY
HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

POLICE believe that the firebomb that wrecked a public house in the West End of London nine days ago was planted in frustration by an IRA gang who had been thwarted from reaching another target.

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch is sceptical that the attack, which caused damage estimated at £200,000 but left no one injured, marks the start of a new phase in the IRA's mainland campaign. The Cambridge, just off Cambridge Circus in the theatre district, is used mostly by shoppers and tourists and has no military or political links.

Since August 1988, when the IRA renewed strikes on the mainland, the provisionals have mostly struck against military, political or "establishment" targets, although a commuter was killed and 38 others injured in a bombing at Victoria station in February.

A Yard source said: "We think they planted the device in the pub after being prevented, for some reason, from getting to a better protected target."

Japanese sample school's menu

By JOE JOSEPH

WHY would anyone from Japan, which once moaned that foreign beef is difficult for Japanese intestines to digest, care what British schoolchildren eat for lunch, except maybe to hoot at the idea of eating an entire meal without *any* soya sauce.

"We are here to learn what European countries provide for school meals," said Akio Tomiyama, secretary of the snappily titled Japanese National Federation of School Lunch Associations. His group began a five-nation European tour at Ryeish Green School, near Reading, Berkshire, yesterday. "It's a study mission," he said.

Lunch in Ryeish Green's canteen costs pupils 93p. In Japan that might just buy you one third of a cup of coffee. Perhaps that is why the 39 Japanese visitors looked anxious. Maybe they also feared that their hosts, trying their hand at Japanese customs, might not bother to cook the fish fingers before dishing them up.

Having never seen anything like the chicken and sweetcorn pie, pizza, roast potatoes and trifle that was in fact offered, the visitors spent the first 15 minutes of their lunch date photographing the food, filming each other with video cameras, and then photographing each other poised over the filmed food.

"There's plenty of it," said Tatsumi Nakamura. "And the menu's quite varied. I've never eaten Western food before. I don't think I could eat this quantity every day."

Unused to Ryeish Green's self-service, Mr Nakamura had helped himself to all the main courses, rather than choosing just one. That explained the quantity. Even so, it was hardly a rave notice. Others in his party were equally polite.

What is the point of the trip? "It's very good value," said Yoshimi Utsugi, the guide from Meiji Travel Service, which arranged the tour. "Only 700,000 yen (about £3,000) for two weeks, including Windsor Castle, Palace of Versailles, a side-trip to Interlaken to see the mountains. Also we go shopping."

TONY WHITE





In goes the school lunch and on comes an approving smile from Rika Inawashiro, a Japanese elementary school nutritionist, at Ryeish Green school, near Reading

Short in chess lead after rout of Gelfand

By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S Nigel Short took the lead in the quarter final of the world chess championship in Brussels by routing his match opponent, the Russian grandmaster Boris Gelfand, in their third game. Short has taken the lead by winning his last two games and leads by two points to one.

Short, having concluded that Gelfand was not at home in positions uncharted by theory, chose a little-known attacking variation against Gelfand's habitual Sicilian defence. Short concentrated his forces on the king's flank while Gelfand operated on the opposite wing. The game seemed to be heading for a long-range struggle, but on the 24th move, Short introduced a blitzkrieg, sacrificing a pawn to allow invasion by knight.

Four moves later, Short sacrificed a rook to smash the final fortifications around Gelfand's king, and, on the 31st move, with white's pieces hovering around the black king, Gelfand conceded defeat. In the final position, Gelfand could not prevent checkmate from the white queen.

The match is for the best of eight games and will determine, along with the other quarter finals, who challenges Gary Kasparov for the world chess crown in 1993.

In the other matches, Jan Timman (The Netherlands) leads Victor Korchnoi (Switzerland) by 2½ points to a half. Vassily Ivanchuk (USSR) and Artur Yusupov (USSR) are at 1½ points each. Viswanathan Anand (India) and Anatoly Karpov (USSR) are at one point each with the third game in progress.

Full moves in Short's win against Gelfand:

White, Short; Black, Gelfand.

White	Black		
1 e4	c5	17 Ng1	Bd7
2 Nc3	d6	18 Nf3	Nb4
3 f4	Nc6	19 Qf2	Qc5
4 Nf3	g6	20 Bc3	Nc6
5 Bc4	Bg7	21 Rae1	b6
6 0-0	e6	22 Bd2	Nb4
7 d3	Nge7	23 Qg3	b5
8 Ne1	Nd4	24 f5	exf5
9 Nxd4	cxd4	25 Ne5	Be6
10 Ne2	0-0	26 axb5	Qxb5
11 Bb3	Nc6	27 Rxf5	Kh8
12 Bd2	d5	28 Rxf8	Rxf8
13 e5	f6	29 Ng4	Rf5
14 exf6	Bxf6	30 Nh6	Rh5
15 Kh1	a5	31 Qf4	
16 a4	Qd6	Resigns	

Victim is unable to face court trauma

A man accused of a raping an Australian tourist was freed yesterday after the victim said she could not face the trauma of giving evidence a second time.

The woman, aged 26, gave evidence at South Western magistrates' court earlier this year against Oscar Allen, aged 45, of Clapham, South London, who denied the charge. She told police that she found the experience "horrifying".

Yesterday at the Old Bailey a statement detailing her reasons for not coming to court was handed to Judge Richardson, QC.

Ian Darling, for the prosecution, said: "In the light of the statment the victim made last week the crown have decided to offer no evidence."

The judge formally cleared Mr Allen of the charge. "I think there is no alternative but to enter a not guilty verdict," he said.

Oyster attacks

An oyster, forgotten by a shellfish farmer for five years, grew inside its mesh bag off the Dorset coast to a weight of 27lb. Neville Copperthwaite's finger was crushed by the giant Pacific oyster when it snapped shut. He plans to submit details of the mollusc to the Guinness Book of Records. Mr Copperthwaite, of Portland, has already been offered £500 for it by a restaurant owner.

Children quizzed

Police hunting the killer of Angela Flaherty, aged seven, of Rawthorpe, Huddersfield, yesterday interviewed children who built the den where her body was discovered to find out who used it. It is believed the attack took place inside the den, built out of old carpets, linoleum, timber and bricks in a copse. The girl's body was found in the den, 500 yards from her home, on Sunday.

Cheaper tickets

Virgin Atlantic is cutting the cost of economy trans-Atlantic air travel from Heathrow by up to 25 per cent. From September 15 a one way standard economy ticket to New York will cost £219. British Airways has cut fares from 17 US destinations by 15 per cent to fight off competition from United and American. Virgina said it was not starting a price war and business class prices were unchanged.

007 libel award

Cubby Broccoli, a film producer , yesterday accepted substantial libel damages over a newspaper article saying that he stood accused of defrauding the 007 actor Sean Connery of profits in the films. The High Court was told that News Group Newspapers, publisher of *The Sun*, and Russell Miller, a journalist, now recognised that allegations in a 1989 article were untrue.

Boy charged

A boy aged 15 was charged yesterday with the murder of Rebecca McBride, aged six, of Penlan, Swansea, whose body was found on Monday in a pond 20 miles from her home. Juvenile Court magistrates in Swansea remanded him in custody to the hospital wing of Cardiff prison for eight days. The body was found by police divers at Penygroes, Dyfed.

Rape case

A man aged 74 was remanded on bail until September 15 when he appeared at Ealing magistrates' court yesterday accused of raping a girl 35 years ago. Clifford Prichard, of Greenford, Middlesex, is said to have made the attack at his home in 1956. He also faces two charges of indecent assault in 1974.

PROVISIONAL A-LEVEL RESULTS – JUNE 1991

Percentage of Subject Results by Grade

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Biology	10.6 (11.9)	13.9 (15.0)	14.8 (15.5)	16.6 (17.1)	16.6 (15.7)	13.1 (11.9)	14.2 (12.9)	46,539 (46,485)
Bus Studs*	4.8 (4.5)	12.4 (11.2)	18.8 (17.4)	23.0 (21.0)	18.6 (19.1)	12.0 (13.7)	10.4 (13.1)	15,082 (12,431)
Chemistry	15.6 (16.1)	16.2 (17.6)	14.6 (15.0)	15.1 (15.0)	13.8 (13.6)	10.1 (10.5)	12.2 (12.2)	44,450 (46,197)
Class Studs	20.3 (18.6)	21.4 (20.8)	21.9 (22.0)	15.7 (16.4)	9.8 (10.5)	5.3 (5.8)	5.6 (5.9)	7,838 (7,985)
Computing	7.3 (8.0)	11.8 (12.5)	15.9 (17.0)	20.9 (19.0)	19.1 (19.5)	13.9 (12.7)	11.1 (11.3)	8,370 (8,616)
Economics	10.8 (9.7)	13.8 (13.6)	14.3 (14.3)	16.5 (16.8)	16.6 (16.4)	12.1 (12.7)	15.9 (16.5)	43,163 (45,330)
English	9.9 (9.9)	16.5 (17.9)	19.6 (20.9)	21.8 (20.8)	17.6 (15.7)	9.0 (8.2)	5.6 (6.6)	79,137 (74,182)
French	16.6 (15.8)	16.6 (16.9)	18.9 (18.8)	18.4 (18.5)	14.9 (14.6)	8.7 (8.7)	5.7 (6.7)	30,801 (27,245)
Gen Studs	10.1 (10.2)	15.9 (16.3)	12.9 (12.7)	15.4 (15.2)	15.3 (13.8)	12.7 (11.5)	17.7 (20.3)	52,191 (61,399)
Geography	10.4 (10.5)	14.9 (14.2)	18.4 (17.9)	19.2 (19.8)	16.0 (16.2)	11.0 (11.3)	10.1 (10.1)	42,446 (41,671)
German	18.8 (19.6)	19.1 (20.3)	17.9 (18.4)	16.8 (16.2)	13.9 (12.5)	7.9 (7.3)	5.6 (5.7)	10,583 (9,476)
History	10.8 (10.8)	16.4 (16.1)	18.3 (19.2)	19.3 (19.8)	15.5 (15.3)	9.5 (9.4)	10.4 (9.4)	44,064 (43,808)
Home Econ	6.9 (7.1)	11.9 (11.7)	18.4 (17.8)	18.9 (19.1)	18.0 (15.6)	11.7 (12.7)	14.2 (16.0)	3,660 (3,238)
Maths	18.4 (17.2)	14.7 (14.5)	14.2 (14.1)	14.1 (14.3)	13.2 (13.4)	10.1 (10.6)	15.3 (15.9)	75,006 (79,740)
Music	16.1 (15.2)	17.2 (16.2)	21.7 (21.1)	20.2 (20.8)	13.9 (14.2)	6.4 (7.5)	4.5 (5.0)	5,481 (5,203)
Othr Langs†	25.5 (22.5)	25.1 (23.6)	17.5 (19.2)	13.7 (14.5)	9.7 (9.3)	4.6 (5.9)	3.9 (5.0)	9,398 (3,507)
Physics	14.3 (13.9)	14.7 (15.1)	15.4 (15.5)	16.7 (16.4)	15.0 (15.0)	11.6 (11.9)	12.3 (12.2)	43,401 (45,334)
Relig Studs	12.2 (11.8)	15.2 (15.6)	17.1 (15.6)	17.7 (17.0)	14.1 (15.7)	10.4 (9.8)	13.3 (14.5)	7,154 (6,533)
Science†	10.1 (10.7)	15.2 (15.9)	18.6 (17.4)	19.2 (17.6)	16.1 (16.2)	10.1 (10.2)	10.7 (12.0)	5,355 (5,271)
Soc Sci*	6.5 (7.0)	13.6 (15.3)	16.8 (16.6)	18.5 (16.9)	16.0 (14.5)	11.6 (11.5)	17.0 (18.2)	60,813 (56,176)
Spanish	20.2 (19.9)	18.1 (20.0)	18.6 (18.6)	17.5 (17.2)	12.9 (12.6)	7.1 (6.8)	5.6 (4.9)	4,232 (3,832)
Technology*	10.6 (9.3)	15.3 (15.3)	18.4 (18.2)	19.2 (19.4)	16.2 (16.2)	10.5 (11.1)	9.9 (10.5)	8,274 (7,814)
Welsh	10.4 (11.3)	22.2 (19.1)	31.3 (30.7)	21.4 (20.4)	10.5 (14.4)	3.1 (3.3)	1.1 (0.8)	704 (688)
Other subs	4.4 (4.3)	13.2 (13.1)	18.3 (18.2)	22.2 (21.3)	19.0 (18.4)	12.0 (11.8)	10.9 (12.9)	22,688 (20,319)
Total	11.9 (11.7)	15.4 (15.5)	16.9 (16.9)	18.0 (17.7)	15.6 (15.2)	10.6 (10.7)	11.6 (12.3)	695,991 (684,065)

*1991 results are provisional. 1990 results in brackets are final. Percentages have been rounded to add up to 100. *These titles cover a range of related subjects. †Science includes all science subjects except Biology, Chemistry and Physics. †Othr Langs includes all languages except French, German, Spanish and Welsh. A-E=pass, N=ungraded, U=unclassified.*

Results rekindle A-level debate

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE debate over the broadening of sixth form study resurfaced yesterday as the examination boards announced rising standards in both A and AS-levels.

Tim Eggar, the education minister, cited a 12.5 per cent increase in entries to the "halfway house" AS levels as evidence of success for the government's policy of encouraging breadth without altering A-levels. "AS examinations are clearly becoming an established part of the post-16 curriculum," he said.

Supporters of reform argued, however, that the 51,000 AS entries, compared with 695,991 for A-levels, proved the opposite. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that the examination had failed to take off, hampered by timetabling difficulties, the attitude of some higher education institutions and the intellectual demands of coping with both A and AS-levels. About one A-level entrant in ten also took an AS examination.

Derek Fatchett, a Labour education spokesman, said that Labour continued to support a more broadly-based examination at 18, specifically a five-subject examination. Alan Smithers, professor of education at Manchester university, said: "I do not think that the AS-level is working. It may be that students do not want to take a broader range of subjects."

The trends evident in the A-level results were also apparent at AS-level. The entry for chemistry, for example, was down by 48 per cent on last year in spite of the rise in candidates overall. Mathematics was also down, by 5.5 per cent, although both physics and biology showed increases.

The biggest increases were in religious studies (88 per cent) and German (66 per cent), but entries in French, classics, geography, computing, English and history all rose by more than 20 per cent. More of the candidates than last year were 18 years old, and fewer 17.

Overall pass rates for AS-levels were up by 3.3 per cent, while more candidates also secured the top grade. The biggest improvement was in general studies, and the pass rate in mathematics also rose, by 1.7 per cent.

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Mother-in-law held hostage in £350,000 raid

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

AN ARMED gang stole £350,000 from a Post Office security van yesterday after kidnapping the driver's mother-in-law, who offered herself as a hostage in place of the driver's pregnant wife.

Eileen Mahon, aged 52, was held by the gang for 22 hours after being abducted from the home of her son-in-law, James Hogan, in Dartford, Kent, just after 2pm on Tuesday by two armed men.

Mr Hogan, a Post Office driver, was warned by telephone that his mother-in-law would be hurt unless he drove the security van to a secret rendezvous in Kent.

At noon yesterday the gang met up with Mr Hogan on the outskirts of the remote Kentish village of Meopham, near Gravesend, and stole £350,000 from the van. Neither Mr Hogan nor his mother-in-law, who was dumped around the same time in West Kingsdown, Kent, was hurt.

Kent police said that Mrs Mahon had shown great courage. "She obviously knows her daughter was pregnant and realised it was best to have herself as a hostage instead of her daughter in case there were any nasty incidents," a spokesman said. "She is very shocked and very subdued. She is a very brave lady, but will take a long time to get over it."

According to residents in West Kingsdown who comforted Mrs Mahon after she had been abandoned in the village, she had been held overnight at gunpoint in a shed in some woods.

Julie Wahl, a villager, spotted Mrs Mahon wandering up her drive at 12.15pm. "I asked what she was doing and she replied: 'Thank goodness someone is at home — I've been held hostage all night'."

Mrs Mahon told her that she had been bound by the legs and held in an old shed in a wooded area.

"One of the gunman sat with her all night and the other went off somewhere," Mrs Wahl added. In the morning the gunman had promised her that he would call the police to rescue her, but he never did. Eventually, Mrs Mahon had managed to free herself.

Police said last night that one of the kidnappers was 5ft 10in and had been wearing a hat and glasses, black jeans and a bomber jacket. The other was 5ft 8in, stocky, and had worn a balaclava and dark glasses.

Kent police said that Mr Hogan, who is understood to be part of a Post Office team that regularly drives security vans, had received a telephone call yesterday morning giving him detailed instructions on how he was to reach the rendezvous.

There have been numerous raids on Post Office security vans in southeast London in recent months.



Seized: a suspect is arrested by armed police who besieged a house at Eastbourne after the shooting of a sub-postmaster and his baby

Thames tragedy report out today

By MICHAEL DYNES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A REPORT detailing the progress made in implementing the 27 recommendations for improved river safety made by the investigation into the sinking of the Marchioness is expected to be published today.

Transport department officials said that publication had been timed to coincide with the release of the full report by the marine accidents investigation branch into the collision on the Thames between the Marchioness and the Bowbelle in August 1989, in which 51 people died.

A leaked draft of the full report, which highlights design faults in both vessels as well as a series of bad navigational practices on the Thames, said that the transport department was as much to blame for the collision as the crews of the Marchioness and the Bowbelle for licensing vessels which were known to have serious visibility difficulties. The report was also critical of both captains for failing to keep an adequate lookout.

The marine accidents branch accused the entire maritime industry of laxity, and of failing to make design safety a sufficiently high priority.

Failure to improve standards "was part of a malaise which for many years affected not just the department but the entire maritime community," the report said.

The investigation's recommendations were published in July last year but the transport department said it was unable to publish the full report because the Attorney-general advised that it might prejudice criminal proceedings against Douglas Henderson, the captain of the Bowbelle. Mr Henderson was cleared of negligence charges in July, after a second jury failed to reach a verdict.

The same legal reservations do not apply to the private prosecution being mounted by Ivor Glogg, whose wife died in the accident, against the owners of the dredger Bowbelle, South Coast Shipping, and four of its senior managers, transport officials said. Mr Glogg's private prosecution is due start on Monday.

The Marchioness Action Group, however, yesterday demanded Mr Rifkind's resignation on the ground that publication of the full report could prejudice Mr Glogg's private prosecution. The publication is being seen as a second attempt to block private proceedings, after the abortive attempt by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Police fear wave of copycat attacks

By RICHARD DUCE

THE kidnapping ordeal of a 52-year-old woman yesterday was the latest in an alarming new trend of hostage-taking by criminal gangs. It is the fourth in the South-East over the past 18 days, and almost £500,000 has been handed over to meet ransom demands.

Three kidnappings have taken place in Kent and one in Essex. Police are not linking them although they admit that they are concerned. A Kent police spokesman said last night: "With the amount of publicity that is given to them there has to be the possibility of copycat attacks."

The first attack, on August 1, led to James Andrews, a store manager with Tesco, handing over £70,000 from company takings after his wife and two teenaged sons were held hostage at the family home in Colchester, Essex. They were released after 18 hours.

Three days later Richard Broady, aged 33, the manager of a Thomas Cook travel agency in Newhaven, East Sussex, was kidnapped from his home in Ash, Kent, at gunpoint. He was taken to the store and forced to give his kidnappers £50,000.

On August 12 Tracey Desoiza, aged 31, was taken from her home in Rainham, Kent, and driven to the bingo hall in Forest Hill, southeast London, where she is manageress, and £4,000 was taken from the safe.

Three held as raiders shoot baby

By PETER VICTOR

AN EIGHT-month-old baby and his father were shot during a post office raid yesterday in East Sussex. Police later arrested three men and recovered a shotgun after armed officers laid siege to a house.

Officers surrounded the house, at Hampden Park, Eastbourne, after two men with shotguns fired at David Halberg, a sub-postmaster, as he held his son, Jonathan, in his arms at Stud Farm Post Office, Polegate. The raiders fled empty-handed when Mr Halberg sounded an alarm.

Mr Halberg was hit in the chest and face, and stray pellets struck the baby's head. Mr Halberg and his son were recovering last night at Eastbourne district hospital. A hospital spokesman said: "Neither appeared to be seriously injured, although the man is in a state of shock. They were very lucky."

Police said anyone charged would be likely to appear in court at Eastbourne today.

Family to sue over death from washing workclothes

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A FAMILY is preparing to sue for compensation after an inquest verdict that their mother contracted an asbestos-related lung disease as a result of years of washing their father's workclothes.

The claim for compensation, which could total more than £35,000, is being prepared by Sandra Aldridge, of Highworth, near Swindon, and her brothers Brian and Geoffrey Collett. The inquest said that their mother Janet Collett, aged 71, died of an industrial disease; the cause was peritonitis arising from the asbestos-related cancer mesothelioma.

Lawyers say the claim is rare because the woman was not in direct contact with the asbestos or in any kind of industrial environment. No similar claim is thought to have come to court. The coroner, John Elgar, said yesterday: "There is no doubt she was exposed to asbestos." The Swindon inquest was told how Mrs Collett, of Shaw, in Swindon, suffered breathing problems because of asbestos after years of washing workclothes for her husband Henry and her two sons. Most mesothelioma cases are caused by asbestos contact.

Mr Collett, who died in 1979, worked from the age of 15 as an asbestos moulder for Universal Asbestos, later known as Cape Asbestos, in Watford. Mrs Collett's daughter, Mrs Aldridge, of Highworth, near Swindon, Wiltshire, said her mother had washed three lots of workclothes covered in asbestos dust for her husband and two sons, who had all worked for the same company.

There was no warning of a possible health risk, she said. "These things don't come to mind. If anyone was at risk, one assumed it was those who worked there, not their relatives. "There were never any protective overalls."

Mrs Aldridge said she was "most definitely" taking legal action for compensation "just to bring the attention of it to other people. These things should not be allowed to happen. We have people suffer enough from ordinary illness and disease. My dad was there as a lad from the age of 14 until he was 62, wearing ordinary working clothes. The dust was even caught in his turn-ups." It came as a "total shock" when her mother was diagnosed as suffering from an asbestos-related illness.

Brigitte Chandler, the solicitor handling the family's case, said she had instructions to issue proceedings within the next two weeks. The claim would be for damages for negligence and breach of statutory duty.

John Sparkes, a Cape company spokesman, described Mrs Collett's death as "very regrettable". He said the firm would review the situation when any writ was issued by Mrs Collett's family.

Race driver used CS gas 'in defence'

THE French Formula One racing driver Bertrand Gachot yesterday told a court he sprayed CS gas into a taxi-driver's face to defend himself from being punched after a minor London traffic accident.

Cans of "paralyser" gas are common in France and he had not known they were illegal in Britain, he told Southwark crown court. The incident came after a taxi and an Alfa Romeo, driven by M Gachot, touched bumpers at Hyde Park Corner last December.

M Gachot, aged 28, who drives for the Jordan-Ford team, denies assaulting the cab driver, Eric Court, causing him actual bodily harm, but admits possessing a prohibited weapon. M Gachot, of Fulham, southwest London, said Mr Court came over to his car, opened the door and pulled him out by the tie after the incident. He apologised but Mr Court became more aggressive.

The case continues today.

Shopkeepers fear renewed disturbances over shooting

By RONALD FAUX

SHOPKEEPERS were yesterday boarding up premises against further violence after a second night of disturbances in Hadley, Shropshire, in which a gang of 60 youths smashed shop windows and forced two fire engines to retreat under a hail of missiles. Police said that further vandalism would not be tolerated.

The trouble has followed the death of Ian Gordon, aged 24, who was shot by police early on Monday after threatening them with a gun that proved to be an unloaded air pistol.

At the height of the violence early yesterday police used riot shields to contain the youths. One police officer, hit on the arm with a brick, and Paul Wood, a reporter from the *Shropshire Star* newspaper, said by police to have been beaten up by a group of youths, needed hospital treatment.

Petrol bombs were thrown and a house owned by four policemen was set on fire. Youths prevented fire appliances from dealing with the blaze by throwing bricks and broken paving stones at them, forcing them back. The fire was extinguished by police officers and the house was not seriously damaged.



Wood: attacked while reporting on violence

Gerry Brown, chairman of the Telford West Indian Association, yesterday appealed for calm. He said: "If Telford is completely smashed up after all this it is we, the people who live here, who will have to sort out the mess." Mr Brown and other community leaders met with police yesterday to seek ways of preventing further disturbances that could be exploited by groups outside the community.

David Blakey, acting chief constable of West Mercia, said that the disorder could not be excused as a protest at Mr Gordon's death. It was criminal activity that was hitting innocent people who must be and would be protected by the police. Order must be maintained and his officers would await the result of the independent enquiry by the Police Complaints Authority into the shooting.

In Hadley itself yesterday many people were bemused by the disturbances. The town, which was absorbed into Telford in 1968 when the new town was created, has a high concentration of Asian and West Indian residents. However, it has been free of any racial tension or disorder, even at the height of the recession 15 years ago when unemployment reached 22 per cent.

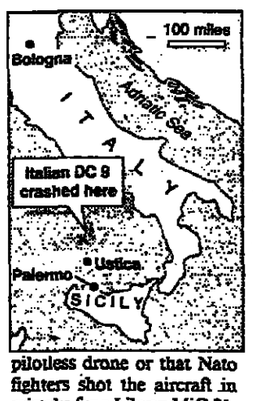
End in sight to jet crash mystery

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

CRASH investigators at Farnborough were last night waiting to examine the flight recorder of an Italian DC 9 jet that crashed off the island of Ustica 11 years ago. They hope the barnacled "black box" will help unravel one of the greatest aviation accident mysteries.

Itavia flight IH 870 disappeared on a flight from Bologna to Palermo on June 27, 1980, after apparently exploding in mid air. The wreckage and the bodies of 81 passengers and crew plummeted over 10,000 ft to the bottom of the Tyrrhenian Sea, leaving no trace of the cause of the accident.

Within weeks, rumours began to circulate that the aircraft had been brought down by a missile fired by an Italian air force jet chasing a



pilotless drone or that Nato fighters shot the aircraft in mistake for a Libyan MiG 21.

Widespread allegations of a cover-up followed the discovery that vital minutes were "missing" from radar traces of aircraft movements at the time. The rumours, and repeated denials of any military involvement, rocked the Italian government. In spite of repeated searches of the sea-bed no evidence of what really happened could be established, but the stories of military action — intentional or accidental — continued.

Now, however, the British offshore survey contractor, Wimpol — part of the Wimpey Group — says it has located and raised the flight recorder after being contracted to search the area by the commission of experts appointed by the investigating judge.

It has also surveyed the crash site using accurate positioning systems and a range of deep-water mapping, recording and recovery equipment and has given the Italian authorities what is believed to be part of an air-to-air missile found alongside the wreckage. The recorder, thought to be intact, is being kept in a specially made container on a support ship and will be brought back to Farnborough, where experts from the transport department's air accident investigation branch will use long-established techniques to recover the tape of the flight and play it back.

The tape will show where the aircraft was when it was brought down, as well as its height and speed. It should also rule out any possible mechanical failure.

The Italian authorities, meanwhile, will study the missile and other parts of the wreckage in the hope of establishing that it was brought down by military action and of pin-pointing exactly which country was responsible.

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Labour halts summer drift of support to government

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR seems to be defying the trend for public opinion to move back towards the government of the day during the comparative calm of the parliamentary recess.

The party has extended its lead over the Conservatives in the two polls for which fieldwork was done this month, probably due to its relentless campaigning on BCCI, the escape of two IRA suspects from Brixton prison and sensitive exports to Iraq. The figures will disappoint Tory strategists, who had expected to continue reducing Labour's lead between the end of the summer parliamentary session and the party conferences starting next month.

The latest ICM poll in the *Guardian*, showing Labour at 45 per cent, Conservatives at 36, Liberal Democrats at 16 and others at 2 per cent, will be a particular disappointment to Chris Patten, Conservative party chairman, who has said that his task is to make the Tory party as popular as John Major is proving.

In 57 opinion polls since Mr Major became Conservative leader and prime minister, Labour has only twice before achieved 45 per cent support and in only four polls have the Conservatives scored below 36 per cent. Only twice before, with 10 percentage points, has Labour had a bigger lead since the departure of Margaret Thatcher.

A factor that will concern both main parties is the consistency of Liberal Democrat support. This has tended to fall away unless the Liberal Democrats were consistently winning by-elections, but they have not slipped to single figures in any poll since the first week in March.

Labour and the Conservatives are now making particular efforts to woo female voters. The Tories are anxious to improve on the last election when women aged 18-24 showed an 11 per cent swing to Labour and those aged 25-34 a 4.5 per cent swing.

Mori's latest figures show that Neil Kinnock has a problem with women voters. There is, meanwhile, a net satisfaction rating overall of plus 20 per cent for John Major, with 53 per cent approving of his conduct in Downing Street and 33 per cent dissatisfied. However, he does twice as well with women, among whom he has a net approval rating of plus 26 per cent. Among men, this drops to plus 13.

Mr Kinnock, with 37 per cent overall approving and 48 per cent disapproving of how he does his job, has a net rating overall of minus eleven. However, he fares better among men, with a net rating of minus four, than among women, where it is minus 13.

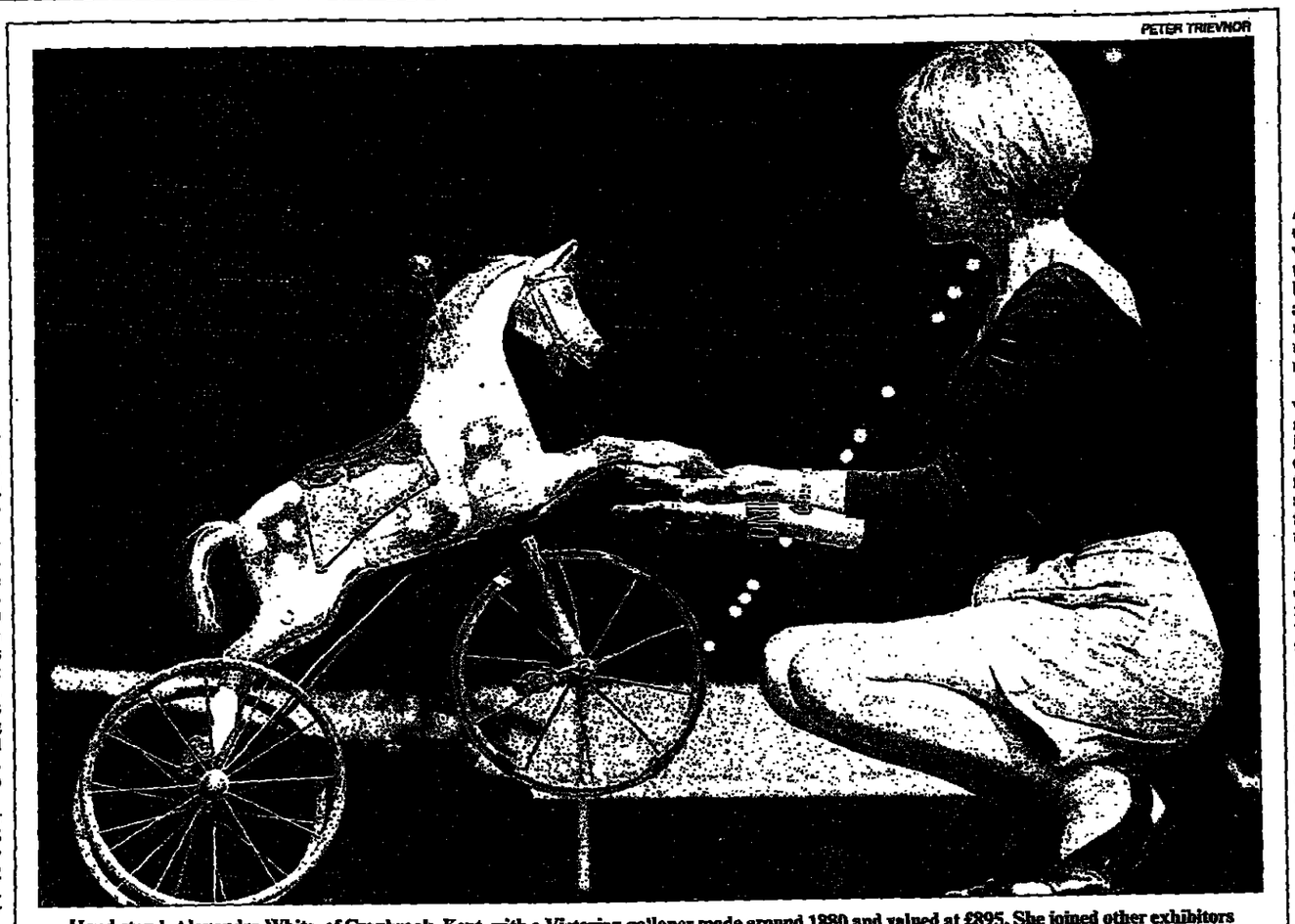
Mori asked July interviewees whether Mr Major or Mr Kinnock was the better at handling key policy areas. Mr Major's lead on "understanding world problems" was 33 per cent. He led Mr Kinnock by the same figure on "representing Britain in Europe" and by 25 per cent on "handling Britain's economy". However, Labour traditionally does well on domestic issues such as health and education, and on "understanding Britain's problems" Mr Major's lead fell to 8 per cent.

The "gender gap", the margin by which Mr Major benefited from female opinion compared with his showing among male respondents, was 7 per cent on representing Britain in Europe and handling the economy, 8 per cent on understanding world problems and 10 per cent on understanding Britain's problems.

LATEST POLLS

Poll	Fieldwork date	Lab	Con	L/Dem	Other	Lab lead
Mori	June 21-24	41	39	15	7	2
NOP	June 27	42	41	13	4	1
Gallup	Jun 26-July 1	40.5	37	17	5.5	3.5
NOP	July 13-15	43	39	13	5	4
Harris	July 17-18	42	39	14	4	3
ICM	July 19-20	44	37	16	3	7
Mori	July 19-22	43	38	15	4	5
ICM	July 24	44	38	13	5	6
Gallup	Jul 31-Aug 5	41	36	16.5	6.5	5
ICM	August 9-10	45	36	16	2	9

PETER TREVNOR



Hand stand: Alexandra White, of Cranbrook, Kent, with a Victorian galloper made around 1880 and valued at £895. She joined other exhibitors yesterday to prepare for the opening today of the West London Antiques Fair at Kensington town hall. The fair continues until Saturday

Lib Dems plan energy tax

By JOHN WINDER

THE Liberal Democrats are proposing to fight pollution and depletion of resources by imposing an energy tax.

The tax would be varied according to the impact of the type of fuel on the environment and would be mitigated for the poorest families by using the benefit system. Eventually, the aim is to replace traditional taxes with a new pattern of taxation that encourages the population to follow environmentally sound living habits.

The energy tax, the forerunner of other taxes to encourage more environmentally acceptable use of resources, is contained in a new policy document, *Costing the Earth*, published yesterday, for which approval will be sought at the party conference next month.

Suggested levels of taxation would be worked out after the party in conference has approved the document, and announced during the election campaign.

Adrian Watts, chairman of the policy group that produced the paper, said that the tax would be phased in cautiously. But he is emphatic that at present energy is far too cheap.

The document implies an eventual shift from present forms of income, labour, and value-added tax to environmental taxation. That is considered justified because the use or manufacture of particular goods cause pollution and because the item concerned is a non-renewable source. "Either justification, in our view, is sufficient to allow for the application of environmental taxation," the document says.

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Beach views differ

BRITAIN's beaches are becoming cleaner or harbour dangerous viruses, according to whichever of two reports published yesterday you consult.

The National Rivers Authority reports that beaches are less dirty. Of 407 resorts monitored last year, 318 met EC standards. The results were due to the warm summer and better sewage treatment.

However *Holiday Which?* claimed that viruses that could cause illnesses, including meningitis, are contaminating some of the most popular beaches. Its survey alleges that the environment department ignores virus test results when drawing up its annual list of Blue Flag beaches, which are those regarded as meeting EC standards.

The NRA report says that, regardless of the money spent, there can be no absolute guarantee that bathing waters will always meet EC standards because of pollution from birds or land run-off.

Beaches tested by *Holiday Which?* were at Blackpool, Bridlington, Morecambe, Scarborough, Brighton, Hove, Eastbourne, Saltdean, Whitby, Filey and Bexhill-on-Sea. Only Bexhill passed all the virus tests.

Island snails make a slow comeback

By ROBIN YOUNG

AN EXPEDITION leaves London next month to assess the possibility of reintroducing partula snails to the island of Moorea, off Tahiti, where they are believed to have become extinct as a result of man's ill-judged attempts to force the pace of snails' life.

In 1967 the giant African land snail *achitina fulica* was introduced to the island to be farmed as food. The *achitina* snails can grow up to ten inches, and weigh as much as a pound and a half. Some snails escaped, and bred profusely, causing extensive damage to plantations and native vegetation.

In an attempt to rectify the situation a carnivorous snail, *euglandina rosea*, was conscripted from Florida in the hope that it would gobble up the voracious *achitina*. Instead it developed a taste for the much smaller, indigenous partula species, and is believed to have rapidly wiped them out. Specialists from Nottingham university gathered up the last surviving members of several *partula* species in the early 1980s, and for the last six years London, Jersey and Edinburgh zoos have been breeding populations of *partula* snails to save them from extinction.

Edwin Blake of Edinburgh university, who is shortly going to Moorea to collect information about the present position with snail populations on the island, says that four of the *partula* species have reproduced quite well in captivity, though two others are dying out.

"They are very delicate organisms, with very specialised requirements as to climate, warmth, humidity and diet", he said. "Some feed only on dead leaves while others eat lichens or fungi, but there is no point in returning a box of them to the wild if they are just going to become free meals for meat-eating snails from Florida."

Fishing float sparks mine alert

A mine alert near a North Sea oil rig was called off yesterday when the "mine" turned out to be a trawler fishing float. A bomb disposal team flew out after a rig standby vessel reported seeing a mine half a mile from the Borgny *Dolphin* rig, 120 miles off Aberdeen.

Watchers lost sight of what was thought to be a pronged mine, 4ft in diameter, but the RAF helicopter crew who flew out the navy bomb team team found it again. Coastguards said it was a "roller block float", of the type used by trawlers.

"It was covered in weed and marine growth, and apparently it looked enough like a mine to warrant the call-out. It wasn't a waste of time," said a spokesman.

Oil clean-up

Pollution control experts cleaned 1,600 gallons of oil from Pudsey Beck, West Yorkshire, after thieves crashed a stolen tanker and opened the valves.

Dolphins plea

Bottle nosed dolphins in Cardigan Bay, West Wales, will die out unless they are protected from pleasure craft noise, the World Wildlife Fund for Nature said.

Rape charge

A 16-year-old youth will appear in court on August 30 charged with raping a 14-year-old girl in a public car park at Chichester, West Sussex.

Ram-raiders

A gang stole three cars from a showroom in Swindon, Wiltshire and drove one of them through a computer firm's plate-glass window.

Caring legacy

Peter Baines, former chairman of West Cumbria Health Authority, left £250,000 in his will to help the authority's hospital patients.

Sperm shortage

A sperm shortage has forced the temporary closure of Queens Medical Centre, a fertility clinic in Nottingham.

Cyclists killed

Two cyclists were killed in a collision with a van on the A505 Luton to Hitchin road in Hertfordshire.

Oldest pilot

Peggy Follis, aged 78, of Camden, north London, has become the oldest person in Britain to qualify for a private pilot's licence.

Reform of unions 'an electoral ploy'

By PETER MULLIGAN

GOVERNMENT plans to introduce a further round of trade union reforms are condemned today as "an electoral ploy" that could lead to intimidation of the workforce by employers.

The Labour Research Department, an independent organisation supplying information to the unions, says in a report there is no evidence that the green paper proposals published last month by Michael Howard, the employment secretary, stem from public demand.

The organisation says in the report that the government has found attacks on unions to be good election propaganda in the past and has needed something to help its standing in the polls. It adds that the proposals could form the basis for new laws if the Tories are re-elected.

It criticises the plan, part of the citizen's charter, to allow unions to be sued for public service disruption as hypocritical from a government which had presided over "unprecedented cuts" in public services. The move would give anyone who was anti-union the opportunity to take a union to court.

The report says: "The individuals concerned do not even have to show that they have suffered the loss of a public service."

The report also attacks the proposal, which would force unions to give seven days' notice of industrial action and allow employers the right to know who is voting in a ballot. It says: "Knowing the employer will be informed of the date of the ballot, who is being balloted, the questions asked on the ballot and the outcome, could open up members to the potential for intimidation."

Twisting the knife: LRD guide to the green paper Industrial Relations in the 1990s (Labour Research Department; £1.40)

Bloated fringe 'may bring down curtain on festival'

THE future of the Edinburgh Festival is threatened by declining standards on the fringe, according to Frank Dunlop, the outgoing festival director.

He said yesterday that a growing fringe with diminishing artistic virtue was obscuring the official festival for the public to such an extent that major companies such as the Kirov Opera might not see the festival as the pre-eminent international arts venue that it had become. They might change their allegiances to other festival cities, such as Avignon or even Cardiff.

Mr Dunlop started his career as a director on the nascent fringe 40 years ago with the Oxford Theatre Group's production of Molière's *Scapin* with the teenaged Maggie Smith in the cast. He said: "The Edinburgh fringe is about discovering on the most intelligent, thoughtful level. The fringe now is the modern Tower of Babel of the arts."

Speaking as he recovered from exhaustion brought on by preparations for his eighth and last festival, Mr Dunlop said that there was a terrible danger of the fringe becoming no more than another Blackpool Pleasure Beach. "People come here to promenade now, to walk along the street seeing what sideshows there are," he said. "What has that to do with anything but passing the time away?"

Mr Dunlop blames the exclusion of serious theatre groups on increasingly high rents, and even gazumping, for fringe venues. Some cost as much as £2,000 a week, often more than a company can take at the box office. He also pointed the finger at the press for making the fringe "more of an artistic phenomenon than it really is".

"Performers are only really here to be noticed, and they spend enormous amounts of money on PR," he said. "Tom Stoppard tried *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* at the fringe, but he couldn't afford to do it now."

The outgoing director of the Edinburgh Festival fears for artistic life beyond the fringe, reports Simon Tait

As a result, solo performers, such as alternative comedians, had elbowed theatre off the fringe. Last year, the fringe attracted an audience of 510,000 and despite a slow start to this year's festival, it is still expected to exceed that record. The official festival brought 150,000, and producers were becoming increasingly nervous about involvement. "It only needs one intelligent city such as Avignon, whose own festival has improved beyond all recognition in terms of artistic value, to make a bid and Edinburgh would be pushed out altogether," he said.

However, Bill Burdett-Coutts, director of the main fringe venue, the Assembly Rooms, would not accept the criticisms. He said: "There are more comedians because television has brought them to the public attention, but that's not a matter for regret so long as it doesn't kill good theatre, which I don't think it does.

"It's the festival's responsibility to look for new writers and directors, not the fringe's. When did they last give us a Deborah Warner? They have got to rejuvenate the festival themselves."

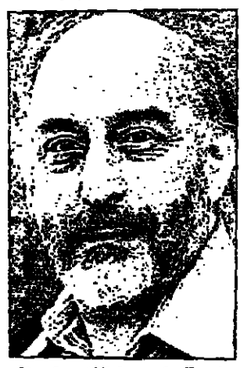
The city has announced plans which it sees as making the festival a year-long event. Beaten by Glasgow in as the European City of Culture last year, Edinburgh is attempting to be European City of Drama in 1994 and City of Festivals in 1999 in the Arts Council's Arts 2000 project. Birmingham is to become the first of the annual cultural centres next year as City of Music.

In its bid for 1994, Edinburgh has committed £1.5 million, with grants from the Arts Council and sponsorship. "Drama" would include opera, music, dance, mime and performance art in the interpretation of city councillors.

Of Edinburgh's City of Festivals bid for 1999, Mark Lazarowicz, leader of the council, said: "Edinburgh would seem the natural host for an exciting celebration of the arts, in the penultimate year before Arts 2000."

Even before 1994, there is a proposal for a visual arts festival to start as soon as 1992, which could become the Edinburgh biennial in the traces of Venice's Biennale.

The city has already said that the Empire Theatre, which Mr Dunlop hoped to turn into an opera house and the headquarters for the festival, will become a theatre directly responsible to the council rather than to the festival authorities. The theatre, being created out of a former bingo hall, is to be finished by November 1993.



Dunlop: "Fringe similar to Blackpool pleasure beach"

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DENZIL McNEELANCE



Before and after: Amanda Brimble, aged 27, of Bromley, Kent, winner of the Slimmer of the Year title after dieting her way from 18st 5lb to 9st 5lb in 18 months, looking happily dwarfed yesterday in the jeans she had to wear in pre-diet days. With the *Slimming* magazine title goes £1,500 and a luxury holiday. Miss Brimble said she began the four-meal, 1,000-calorie-a-day diet after being embarrassed when the only wet suit instructors could find to fit her when she was diving off Malta in 1989 was an enormous man's suit. "Something just snapped and I got the determination to diet." She also took up an exercise and swimming routine.

Carnival facing cash worries as sponsors pull out

By RAY CLANCY

THE Notting Hill carnival, Europe's largest street festival, is facing further financial problems as grants are reduced and sponsors affected by the recession pull out, its organisers said yesterday.

One of the main grants to the two-day extravaganza in west London, expected to attract a million people over the August bank holiday weekend, is under threat. The London Boroughs Grant Scheme has told the board organising the event that it intends to phase out its £54,600 grant over the next three years, although further talks are to take place.

Other bodies, such as Kensington and Chelsea council, are also decreasing grants. They say that this is in line with a report made by the accountancy firm Coopers & Lybrand in 1988 in the aftermath of financial scandals in which losses of over £100,000 were recorded and Scotland Yard was called in to investigate. The report concluded that the carnival could become self-financing.

However, the organisers are worried that the funding bodies have taken the report at face value and failed to see that much more money is needed to keep the street festival going than administration costs. "It could be a massive financial crisis that, no doubt, will be used by others to try to discredit the carnival," said Claire Holder, of Notting Hill Carnival Enterprise Ltd, the board set up in 1989 to take over the running of the event.

She told a press conference in London that the board was aware of the impending financial problems and was planning to solve them. She said that the key would be sponsorship, especially from international companies, and marketing the carnival abroad, including the United States.

This year, the committee has received grants totalling £180,000 and £40,000 in sponsorship. The Arts Council allocated £57,000, an increase of 6 per cent and has also given £70,500 towards the cost of booking bands, a rise of 5 per cent, but other funds have been reduced.

Kensington and Chelsea has provided £43,500, down from £50,000 last year, and a spokesman said that the grant would be reduced again next year. He added that the council also bore the cost of street cleaning, providing portable lavatories and environmental health and trading standards services for which £73,000 has been estimated for 1991.

The £20,000 grant from the Commission for Racial Equality was specifically to pay for an operations manager, and more money is needed to help to ensure that a wide range of bands and others continue to participate. This year, the costume section is expected to be depleted because people do not have enough money to create the usual spectacular pieces that feature in the street processions, Ms Holder said.

Despite the financial worries, Ms Holder, a barrister, predicted that the carnival would be the biggest and best yet, with all 400 stalls already sold out. She said that relations with the police had been good and she expected low-profile policing similar to last year's. An even bigger event is planned for 1992 to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's voyage to the Caribbean.

Scotland Yard said that 11,000 officers would be on duty over the two days of the carnival, working six shifts with about 1,000 on the streets at any one time. The highly successful arrest squads used over the past few years to concentrate on pick pockets, muggers and other trouble makers would continue this year, with the overall police operation costing about £3 million.

NHS reform uncertainty forces private hospital cuts

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE steady rise in the number of private hospitals over the past five years has turned into a decline because of the effects of the recession and uncertainty over health service reforms, according to a survey published yesterday.

The survey, from the Independent Hospitals Association, shows that two private hospitals closed last year with a net loss of 61 beds. That compares with a gradual increase in private beds over the past five years, with between 100 and 300 beds added each year since 1985.

The number of private beds in Britain had risen from 7,035 to 10,972 in the ten years to 1990, partly due to the entry of large American companies such as American Medical International. However, in the past two years British commercial groups have started to take their place and now account for 37 per cent of the market. American groups account now for only 0.5 per cent of the market, with European groups taking a 10 per cent share. In 1980, charitable and religious groups owned 57.5 per cent of the private health care market, which has dropped to 38 per cent in 1991. Groups operating for a profit have seen their share rise from 42.5 per cent to 62 per cent in the past ten years.

Nevertheless, most companies are now consolidating their position as they await the impact of the NHS reforms and have to start seriously competing for the first time for patients covered by private health insurance. Many NHS hospitals, particularly those that have become self-governing trusts, are now aggressively marketing their pay beds and developing private wings so that they can compete directly with private hospitals. Many have en suite bathrooms, televisions, videos and *à la carte* menus.

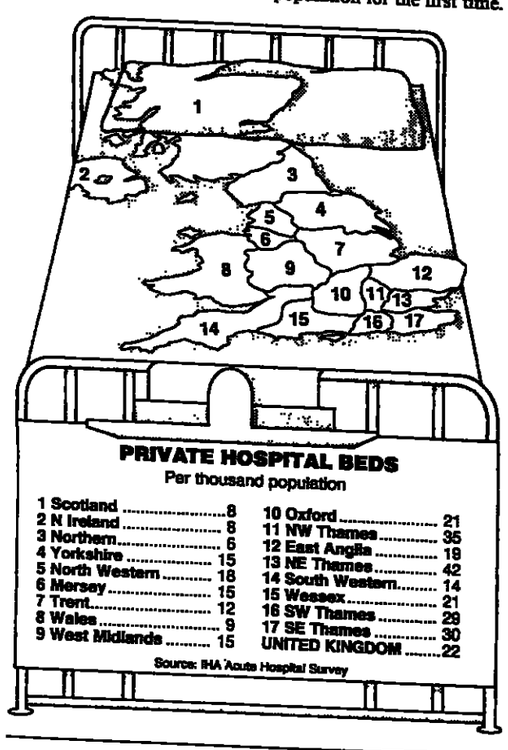
In 1989-90 the NHS raised £99 million from private treatment, 19 per cent more than the previous year's total, the first time in 20 years that NHS earnings from private treatment had risen faster than private-sector revenue.

Theoretically, private hospitals could stand to gain from the internal market as health authorities and GP fund holders will be able to draw up contracts with them if they can offer shorter waiting lists or cheaper treatment. However, most authorities have kept to existing referral patterns and the ability of the private sector to take a larger share of the market has not yet been fully tested.

The survey, based on returns from 216 private hospitals last month, shows that private hospitals are still largely concentrated in London and the South.

● Up to £100 million could be taken from London's health services as a result of the 1991 census figures, the London Health Emergency Group says today. Using provisional census figures, the group claims that the capital's population has fallen by 6 per cent or 378,000, much lower than expected and that £97 million would be sliced off the budgets of 28 London districts.

Under the health service reforms district health authorities will be financed according to their resident population for the first time.



PRIVATE HOSPITAL BEDS
Per thousand population

1 Scotland	8	10 Oxford	21
2 N Ireland	8	11 NW Thames	35
3 Northern	6	12 East Anglia	19
4 Yorkshire	15	13 NE Thames	42
5 North Western	18	14 South Western	14
6 Mersey	15	15 Wessex	21
7 Trent	12	16 SW Thames	29
8 Wales	9	17 SE Thames	30
9 West Midlands	15	UNITED KINGDOM	22

Source: IHA Acute Hospital Survey

Trouble in the undergrowth for nature-loving rector

By JOHN YOUNG



JULIAN HERBERT

In the wilderness: Michael Staines, who says townspeople expect every churchyard to look like a municipal park

THE rector of St Laurence's in West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, is a keen naturalist. In fact the Rev Michael Staines used to teach biology, although he insists that his wife is the real botanist in the family.

His enthusiasm for wildlife has, however, led to complaints that he is allowing the cemetery surrounding the church to become a neglected, overgrown wilderness. Although parts of it are still maintained, several tombstones on the north side are submerged in a sea of nettles, ragwort, elder, brambles, briars and thistles.

St Laurence's, which stands on the summit of West Wycombe Hill, one of the loveliest parts of the Chilterns, is a medieval building altered in the 18th century and enhanced with an Italianate tower surmounted by a golden ball.

The tower was erected in 1752, inspired by a visit to Venice by Sir Francis Dashwood, head of the family which owned the surrounding estate. His descendant, the present Sir Francis, is the premier baronet of Great Britain and is to some extent embroiled in the latest dispute.

The church overlooks 40 acres of sweeping green hillside presented by the present baronet's father, Sir John Dashwood, to the National Trust. It is designated an area of outstanding natural beauty and, never having been ploughed or sprayed, the whole area is a noted haven for rare species.

St Laurence's remoteness from the village in the valley below is because it was originally the parish church of an entirely different and long since deserted village, Haveringdon, whose last house disappeared during the second world war. However, the church in West Wycombe, built by the Dowager Lady Ashwood in 1875 because she found St Laurence's too cold in winter, has no graveyard, so the villagers are still buried in the hilltop cemetery.

Complaints about its upkeep began with an unsigned letter to the *Buckinghamshire Free Press* last month. Others have followed, but Mr Staines insists that none have come from his own parishioners.

He admits that in places the weeds are out of control, but says that the relatives of the deceased should take responsibility for maintaining the graves. Cutting the grass and clearing the nettles costs the parish £1,500 a year, a big slice of its income, he said. The rubbish dump at the bottom of the churchyard, next to the Dashwood family mausoleum, consists of plastic bags discarded by people bringing flowers.

He also believes that a bit of wilderness is to be cherished. A recent survey by a local naturalists' club found 141 species of flowering plants and grasses as well as rare lichens and mosses, birds, insects and mammals. "Those who complain are mainly townspeople who expect every churchyard to look like a municipal park."

He confesses to a certain annoyance when Sir Francis employed a man to spray herbicides and trim the grass and weeds before his daughter's wedding in February. "It was the first time that weedkillers had ever been applied here," the rector said. "But I can't stop people doing what they think best."

Post price rises attacked

Planned cost rises of 2p and 1p for first and second-class stamps were "inappropriate and commercially unrealistic" and should be postponed, the Post Office Users' National Council said yesterday.

The new prices of 24p and 18p, from September 16, will mean a 20 per cent increase in two years, Tom Corrigan, the council's chairman, said. They follow a government demand that the Royal Mail raises its profits this year to more than £200 million after the £127 million made in 1990-1.

Escape attempt

A prison officer was held hostage yesterday in a failed escape attempt by Dorchester jail inmates being driven through Bournemouth to court in the town. A prisoner produced a razor blade and threatened the hostage, but was overpowered.

Canal rescue

Arthur Hoffman, aged 51, a traffic warden, rescued a psychiatric patient from a canal in Eccles, Greater Manchester, and discouraged him from jumping back in by telling the man that he could book some cars with him.

Horse block

A road sign saying "horse vehicle racing prohibited" has been erected on the A27 dual carriageway at Fontwell, West Sussex, a stretch of road which

Owner of starving deer fined

A WOMAN who left 15 red deer to starve to death on her remote island was banned for life from keeping deer and sheep by a court yesterday.

Jill Fairhurst, aged 63, was also fined the maximum £2,000 and ordered to pay costs of £1,750 when she pleaded guilty to abandoning the deer on St Tudwal's Island East, Gwynedd, in circumstances likely to cause them unnecessary suffering. Pwllheli magistrates were told she bought the 27-acre island two miles off the coast 20 years ago and sold it to Carla Lane, writer of the TV series *Bread*, in June this year.

In November 1984 Fairhurst, of Painswick Road, Cheltenham, had a stag, five hinds and four fawns placed on the island, said Mr Tudor Owen, prosecuting for the RSPCA. In 1985 deer were washed ashore dead and others swam to the mainland.

In March 1985 an RSPCA inspector said that a hot dry summer followed by a frosty winter would burn up pasture and the animals would suffer or starve. That seemed to happen, Mr Owen said. Fairhurst barred anyone from the island but in February this year an RSPCA inspector and a vet found 15 dead animals and the island devoid of grass.

After the case Mr Williams said the remaining animals were now thriving. He was sure Carla Lane would be



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Tehran moves to centre stage in hostage diplomacy as Washington is pushed into the wings

Realities of postwar politics force Iran to swallow its pride

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

WITH Israel's reluctance to put its bid on the bargaining table becoming clear last night, Iran's increasing frustration at the lack of progress has highlighted the central role it has played in trying to negotiate a hostage deal.

Tehran has apparently been so engaged in behind-the-scenes bargaining that its national news agency has been confidently predicting that, by Saturday, Israel will have released Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, the Shia cleric and Hezbollah leading light. In reality, an end to the hostage saga and a resulting infusion of Western money and technology is now a central Iranian concern. Despite "sitting out" the Gulf war, Iran cannot claim a decisive regional role. Postwar Gulf security arrangements focused on the Gulf states and Egypt, and Iran's industry is still in such poor condition it is in no position to take advantage of the crushing of Iraq's industrial, military and political power.

Tehran's decision to try to end the hostage drama is just another stage in the struggle for power in the Middle East and the struggle for the respect and recognition of the West. Iranian leaders have come to see that the answer to the country's problems is not more hostage taking or more attempts to embarrass the West.

With anything between $5 billion (£2.95 billion) and $8 billion in assets still frozen in the United States and the keys to the revival of Iranian industry in the hands of Western capitalists, accommodation was the only choice.

A United Nations report released on Tuesday said that the damage to Iran from the Iran-Iraq war was so great that reconstruction would take several years. The report said also that Iran needed access to financial resources, foreign equipment and technology in order to rebuild within a reasonable period.

But the accommodation such reconstruction requires will probably be a temporary one because, in the long term, continued Western regional dominance can serve only to feed Iranian resentment. There is little evidence that "moderates", fondly imagined by the West to be waiting in every regime to join hands with like-minded people outside the country, have ever existed in Iran.

"The Iranian regime is what it is, it has not changed its spots," one observer said. "These regimes are not capable of changing themselves from within. They are only capable of changes of mood from time to time." For the present that means the release of Western hostages who have brought Iran no leverage in Western capitals and have served merely to give Islam a reputation it did not deserve.

So the word went out to hostage-takers in Lebanon and elsewhere that a new stage was beginning. But it is a new stage that is clearly being resisted by diehards who still want to punish the West and its fellow travellers.

The diehards may not have liked it but, with growing evidence that Syria, with its army's increasing grip in Lebanon, is a new Arab instrument of the West, Iran's Lebanese "hinterland" is no longer a safe haven for Iranian-held hostages. More than that, increasing chances of an Israeli-Syrian peace accommodation have left Tehran out of the overall Middle East peace equation. Faced with this formidable set of equations the mullahs can do little but swallow their pride and bide their time.

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Bush powerless as saga unfolds

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS THE hostage saga continues, the United States watches from the sidelines.

Events unfold in Geneva, Jerusalem and Beirut, while America, a nation wracked by the drama for more than a decade, can do little more than issue nods and nudges to the central players.

President Bush pledged yesterday that his administration would never rest until all five Americans in Lebanon were freed. They have 25 years of collective captivity among them, and a resolution of the issue would give a big fillip to Washington's Middle East peace efforts before the probable conference this autumn. However, as Mr Bush acknowledged last Thursday, "the ball is not in our hands". His policy is to keep a low profile and to avoid intemperate statements that would upset a delicate process that is swinging its way.

The US State Department denied a French report this week that American and British agents have been holding secret meetings with Lebanese Shia extremists in Paris, and the idea of Washington seeking to strike a covert deal to secure the hostages' release while Mr Bush is in charge seems highly improbable.

As vice-president during the Iran-Contra affair, Mr Bush experienced at first hand the disastrous consequences of seeking to bargain with hostage-takers. The scandal still dogs him. He could not be caught reneging a second time on America's stated policy of neither dealing nor negotiating with such men, and of insisting on the immediate and unconditional release of all Western hostages.

The administration wants what has been been called a "no-deal deal". It wants a wholesale hostage swap but is precluded from brokering such a deal itself. All it can do is to prod the various parties in the right direction.

Mr Bush denies it, but he was clearly putting pressure on Israel on Sunday when he called on all nations holding hostages to release them. He went out of his way to thank the Iranian government for using its influence to secure Edward Tracy's freedom, dangling the prospect of the normalised relations that Tehran badly wants if it secured the other hostages' release. He repeatedly expresses his support for the efforts of Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, to secure a hostage exchange.

Both Syria, robbed of Soviet support, and Iran need better relations with America (Tehran has not made a public issue of its frozen assets this time). They, not Washington, are doing the courting, and for both the hostage card has turned from the ace of spades into an unwanted joker.



Bush: cannot be caught reneging on policy again



High hopes: Mujahida, aged two, with a picture of her father, Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, yesterday. Iranian reports say Israel will free him at the weekend

Tracy's quiet homecoming

By MARTIN FLETCHER

THE poet Robert Frost wrote in 1914: "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." His words seemed all-too-applicable yesterday as a fellow New Englander, Edward Tracy, arrived back in his native country for the first time in 26 years.

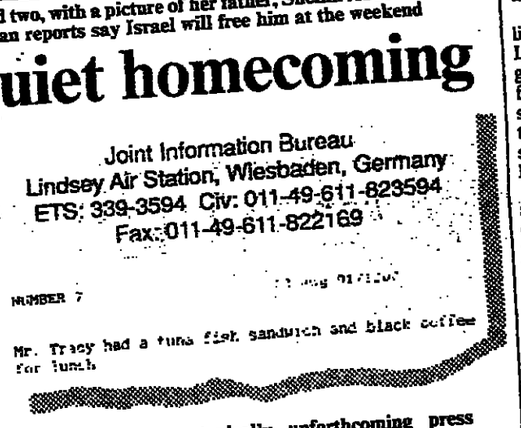
All previous American hostages freed in Lebanon returned to heroes' welcomes and joyful families, but not Mr Tracy, aged 60. He had spent most of his adult life restlessly roaming the world. When he was released on Sunday after five years in captivity he had nowhere particular to go.

He was first flown to the Wiesbaden military hospital in Germany, where he was visited by his son, who lives in Germany, and two daughters, who live in the Canary Islands — but not by Inga, his divorced German wife.

He chose to fly on to Boston yesterday, apparently because it is within reach of the home of his sister and 83-year-old mother in Burlington, Vermont. He has seen neither since 1965, and had lost touch with both. Mr Tracy was met by his sister when he landed, amid minimal fanfare, at a Massachusetts air force base.

For the immediate future he will stay at a Boston hospital since his mental health is in question. Whereas doctors at Wiesbaden spoke at length about the condition of previous freed hostages, they have said very little about Mr Tracy's condition.

His former wife said at the time of Mr Tracy's capture that he had been writing her letters "so ridiculous, so crazy" that she questioned his sanity. In one he wrote that he was "the father of 5,000 motorcycles".



News digest: a typically unforthcoming press release about Tracy's sojourn in Wiesbaden

Guerrilla chief tries to widen swap deal

From ADAM KELLIHER IN DAMASCUS

AHMED Jibril, a hardline Palestinian guerrilla leader, demanded yesterday that two Israeli soldiers and a pilot held in southern Lebanon should only be freed if the Jewish state pledged to release 18,000 Palestinians he claimed were detained for involvement in the intifada.

Mr Jibril, who spoke to reporters at the headquarters of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, said there should be a two-phased deal, the first to exchange Western hostages for civilian detainees, and the second to involve swapping seven missing Israeli soldiers for 375 Arab prisoners of war. "We don't see any difference between those yanked off the street in Beirut or the Palestinians who were detained in the West Bank and Gaza Strip while they were stoning the Israeli occupation authorities," he said. "We cannot make a breakthrough to the hostage problem without understanding this problem."

It was unclear on whose authority Mr Jibril was speaking, and whether the demand would complicate the present hostage negotiations by expanding the bargaining points. Mr Jibril said that he was speaking on behalf of a "Lebanese group that might be close to the Hezbollah", the Iranian-backed organisation believed to be holding the remaining ten Western hostages.

Israel has seven troops listed as missing in action in Lebanon. Another Palestinian group, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, says it is willing to exchange the remains of an Israeli soldier captured in 1983, but killed in an air raid in 1985.

Mr Jibril claimed his organisation had an intimate connection with those holding three live Israeli soldiers, because it had assisted in freeing some of their fighters from Israeli hands in a prisoner exchange conducted by the Red Cross in 1985. The hardline Palestinian leader, who rejects the current American-brokered peace process, said Israel would first have to declare its willingness to release some 18,000 Palestinians he said were under detention and could also be defined as hostages.

"We have to draw a distinction between the hostage problem and the PoW issue and we have to separate them into two deals. The hostage problem must be immediately solved and then comes the swap of the PoWs. Linking the two cases complicates the whole issue," he added.

Hopes of Richter release dashed

Geneva — Hopes that Ian Richter, the British businessman held in Baghdad, would soon be freed appeared to be dashed yesterday by Barzan Ibrahim al-Tikriti, the Iraqi ambassador in Geneva and a stepbrother of President Saddam Hussein (Alan McGregor writes).

After a 40-minute meeting with Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, Mr al-Tikriti, a former head of Iraqi military security, said that the matter of Richter "is not an issue within my limits of responsibility — nor that of the secretary-general".

Turk accuses tourist group

Istanbul — Hayri Kozakcioglu, in his last press conference as regional governor of the Turkish southeast yesterday, accused ten German tourists kidnapped by Kurdish separatists at the beginning of August of having stage-managed the whole affair (Andrew Finkel writes).

The governor said that films and videotapes recovered from the Germans were more in the nature of souvenir snaps and included scenes of folk dancing. He said that the ten had also managed to make telephone calls during their captivity and had kept diaries which he described as "incriminating".

Promised land

Paris — Yitzhak Peretz, the Israeli immigration minister, said that his country did not need the occupied territories in order to settle a huge new influx of immigrants. "Israel can welcome ten million more immigrants without settling them in the territories," he told the Radio Shalom station in France. *(Reuter)*

Jordan doubts

Amman — Officials of Jordan and the United States have failed to draft a memorandum of understanding on the proposed Middle East peace conference, because the Americans were unable to give guarantees Amman wanted. Jordan will still attend the conference, an Amman official said. *(AP)*

Radio message

London — David Waite, the brother of Terry Waite, the kidnapped church envoy, and his cousin, John Waite, will today send him a message in a BBC radio broadcast on the *Outlook* programme. They plan to pass on family messages to Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland, the American hostages.

Disaster reaction improved

London — Britain is improving its ability to react to international disasters so that there will no repeat of the tardy response to the Bangladesh typhoon or the Kurdish emergency in northern Iraq (David Watts writes).

Lynda Chalker, the overseas development minister, announced yesterday that Britain will have an analyst at the site of any future disaster within hours. If there is no government expert or representative of the non-government organisations on the spot, Mrs Chalker will have someone on a plane as soon as possible.

The minister would then implement a three-stage plan to send an aid co-ordinator and disaster relief teams.

Soldiers seized

Moscow — A gang of armed Armenians has seized 33 Soviet interior ministry troops and offered to exchange them for a captured Armenian militant, known as "Napoleon", according to reports from Nagorno-Karabakh. *(Reuter)*

Bridge project

Copenhagen — The Danish parliament has given its approval to the building of a road and rail link across the Oresund strait separating Denmark from Sweden. *(AP)*

Farm killing

Lille — Michel Leplat, a farmer, aged 55, claimed he repeatedly shot and killed a boy aged 12 on his land because he thought his chickens were being stolen, police said. He said thieves had been

Yeltsin workplace ban has Communists on the run

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

TWELVE days after the formal introduction of Boris Yeltsin's ban on workplace Communist party cells, the democrat groups are rubbing their hands in glee while party stalwarts are mostly keeping a prudent silence. The shrill anti-Yeltsin campaign mounted after the decree was issued has faded away and, for the moment, the Russian president has won handsomely.

It seems hardly credible that a single political stroke, however deft and well-timed, could have toppled the once-ruling elite. Yet the Communist party appears well on the way to eviction from its original power-base, the factories, and so from a vital source of its strength.

The list of those boasting of the removal of their party cells includes the fishing port at Vladivostok, the Kamchatka local council in the east, the Russian Federation and Tyumen KGB organisations in the centre, and most factories in Lvov in the west. Open opposition was voiced only by party leaders in Tatar region, the mining area of Kemerovo and, after a week of reflection, the Leningrad party.

In Moscow, a spokesman for the old-fashioned ZiL plant, which makes lorries and cars, said the party had not been directly engaged in matters of production for some time and would gradually, but not immediately, reorganise outside the factory. It is unclear what proportion of party cells has left the factories and what proportion has no intention of leaving. Mr Yeltsin's spokesman promised that the decree would be enacted by force, at least before the end of the year, so the process may take time.

Given that a pronouncement on the constitutionality of the decree is still awaited, representatives of all political opinions appear surprised by the lack of resistance. Is the party really so unconcerned that it will bid farewell so lightly? Some are undoubtedly still in shock. They had believed that President Gorbachev would come to their rescue.

At the central committee plenum two weeks before, he had promised that he would take all necessary measures, "up to and including a presidential decree". Now, disillusioned Communists are talking of an anti-party conspiracy masterminded by Presidents Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin.

The chief reason for the party's failure to resist, however, lay in Mr Yeltsin's ability to catch the popular mood. His decree only accelerated a process that in many areas was well advanced. Workers in more radical areas and branches had been driving party cells from their factories by force, seeing its presence as incompatible with the trend towards a multiparty system.

Italy backs down on militant refugees

From PAUL BOMPARD IN ROME

ITALY yesterday gave in to about 1,400 Albanian refugees in Bari who had refused to be sent back to Tirana. More than 17,000 Albanians who crossed the Adriatic to Italy last week have now been repatriated under heavy police escort in line with a government decision not to accept any more Albanian refugees.

Those allowed to stay had for days occupied a wharf and Bari's football stadium, and during several days of rioting they made it clear that they had no intention of going back without putting up a fight. According to the police, many were armed with improvised arms. Yesterday's government decision was an unexpected victory for the Albanians.

Until the last minute it seemed that Rome would have preferred to let street battles take place than to allow any of the Albanians to stay. The decision, which shows an embarrassing crack in Italy's hardline policy on immigration, could well encourage more Albanians to try their luck in the country.

Vincenzo Parisi, the Italian chief of police, said, however, that the decision was taken on "humanitarian grounds" as many refugees would have faced "a serious risk of re-

Serb skulls prompt rites of revenge

From ANNE MCELVOY IN PREBILOVCI BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

INSIDE the shady entrance to a giant tomb, the workmen shelter gratefully from the relentless mountain sun. Behind them the deep underground recess is stacked with metal boxes of skulls and other bones, carefully sorted and marked.

They are the gruesome testament to a massacre of Serbs by the nazi-backed Ustasha forces 50 years ago this week. In a single night of butchery the Croat fighters reduced the village's population from a thousand to fewer than 500. Men and women were clubbed to death, children thrown alive into mass graves in the nearby village of Schurmanzi; 3,000 corpses have been discovered.

All over Bosnia-Herzegovina and southern Croatia, the skeletons of victims are being exhumed in gruesome rituals, the bones laid out for public inspection and the recitation of grim liturgies of revenge before they are returned to the earth in consecrated tombs.

It is an ambivalent process in which a genuine grief is inextricably mingled with calculated political usefulness. While the exhumations provide a just reckoning with the scarcely documented mass atrocities committed against the Serbs during the war, they are also designed to feed the hatred on which the present ethnic conflict thrives.

For 40 years a veil of official silence was drawn over the Ustashi killings of hundreds of thousands of Serbs and the smaller-scale but equally vigilant revenge attacks by Serbian partisans at the end of the war. Yesterday's exhumations were the most cursory commemoration of the dead. Gravestones were allowed only the unspecific epitaph: "To the victims of fascism".

"If they had let us bury our dead properly in 1945, we would not be doing this now," said one workman carrying a box of skulls into the tomb.



Handlebars with care: a Croatian guarding his son yesterday in the village of Ceminac

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"If they had let us bury our dead properly in 1945, we would not be doing this now," said one workman carrying a box of skulls into the tomb. are in there. At last they have a proper burial."

After Croatia's independence declaration in June, local Serbs sealed off Schurmanzi and started their exhumation. They called in medical experts from Belgrade to sort the bones into anatomical piles, and Serbian scene to swear that history would take vengeance on the butchers and that the new "fascist state" would never be allowed to take Serbs with it.

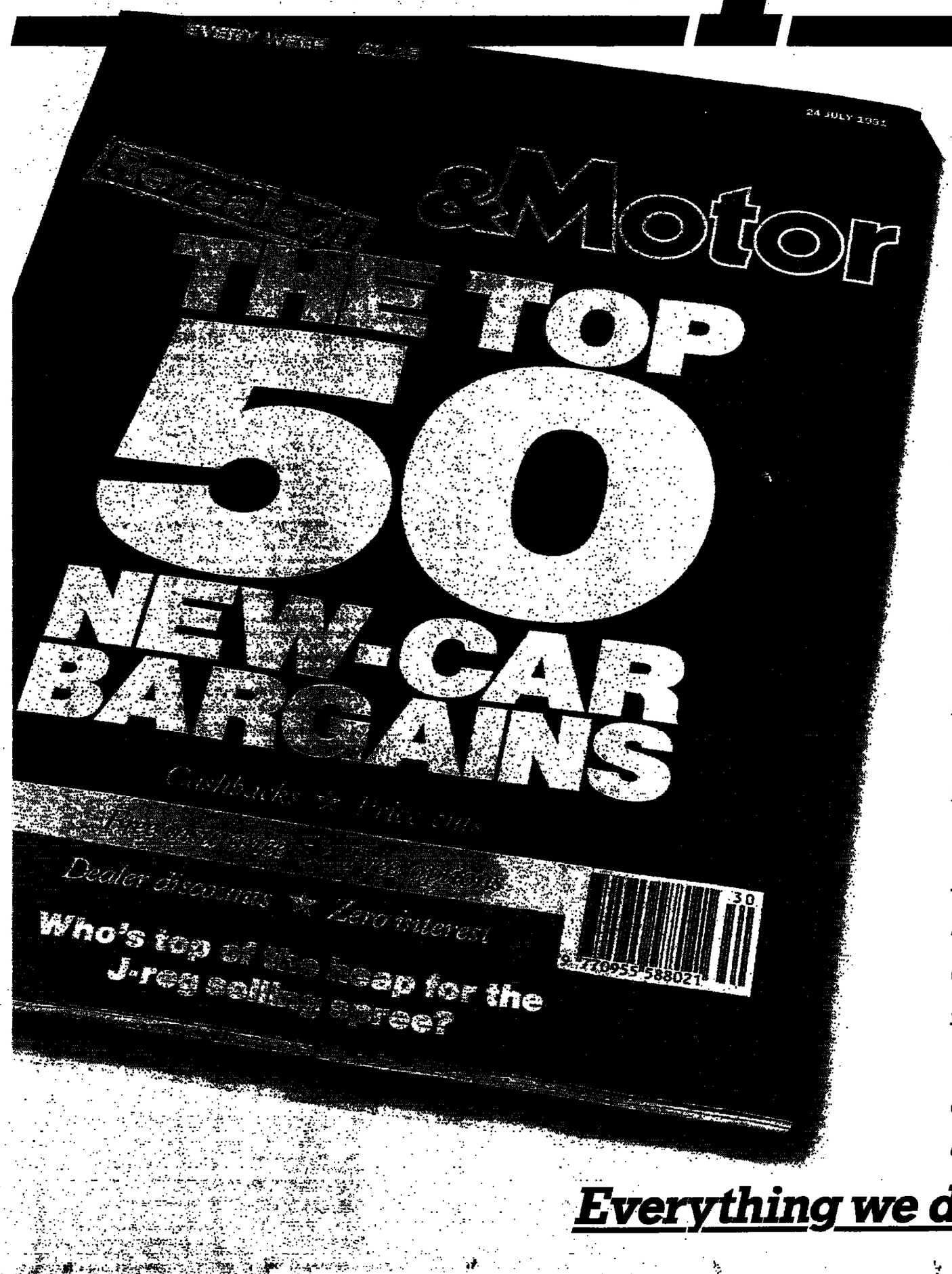
Such fighting talk has spread. "The most terrible thing about these killings is that they were carried out by our neighbours," Bulat Mici, one of the excavators, said. "I went to school with the sons of people who destroyed my family. This time, we will be ready for them. They are the same fascists as before, just a new generation."

Anxious to dispel the powerful folk memory of the atrocities, Tito's Communist government tried to depopulate the village over decades, running down farming in the area and providing inducements for the peasants to leave. The result is an economically devastated, resentful community in which fear and loathing of the neighbouring Croats thrives. The Serbian flag and the face of Slobodan Milosevic, the nationalist leader, are the cherished symbols of identity, despite the hundreds of miles separating the Herzegovinan Serbs from Belgrade.

The propaganda war grows worse by the day here. The bitterness in the rival communities knows no antidote; for each side members of the other are genetic butchers, waiting to strike. The exhumations have taken on an eye-for-an-eye nature. Fifteen miles up the road in Croatian Medjugorje, the locals have disinterred the remains of relatives killed by Serbs and the regions are now out of bounds to the other side. Both are armed and jumpy, ready to avenge old blood with new. The battle lines of the future have been drawn, by the

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Chinese struggle to keep perils of drugs and Aids at bay



Romantic view: an engraving of an old-style Chinese opium den before the advent of Aids

Catherine Sampson reports from Kunming that neither voluntary nor compulsory treatment is saving drug addicts from themselves

PAINFULLY thin and wearing regulation striped pink and white pyjamas, the young woman sits on the edge of her bed in a spartan dormitory and passes her hand across her forehead. "I know I am not strong enough to resist heroin when I get out," she says, "so if anyone comes near me with it, I am going to run away."

After 1949 the Communists created an almost drug-free China and kept it that way for 30 years. Now the drugs are back and Aids has arrived. The law's strong arm must be brought to bear on both, the authorities say.

International drug-smuggling gangs are increasingly using Yunnan province as the route from Burma, where the drugs are grown, to Hong Kong, leaving a trail of addicts and several hundred Aids victims in their wake.

Shabby as her dormitory is, the young woman addict, who is too embarrassed to give her name, is one of the lucky ones. She checked herself in to Kunming's one voluntary drying-out clinic – there are 50 similar institutions at which attendance is compulsory – before the police found her.

Yunnan's drug squad has arrested 2,348 people for drug-related offences so far this year and has seized 247 kilos of opium and 895 kilos of heroin. Since the beginning of this year possession of 50 grams (less than two ounces) of heroin or a kilo of opium has been punishable by death. The police say they executed 66 people on a single day in Yunnan in June.

Most addicts discovered by police are not in possession of large quantities of drugs. First the police give them a deadline by which they must stop using drugs. If they fail to meet it, they can be placed in one of the compulsory drying-out centres for several months. If they still fail to reform, they can be sent to a labour camp for up to three years.

"We are planning to open special labour camps just for stubborn drug addicts," says Chen Cunyi, head of Yunnan's drug squad. According to him, addicts are taken gently off drugs in the camps, but one former addict said her friend had found otherwise. "There was no medicine, no counselling, and of course it had no effect. How can you expect someone to give up drugs if he is forced to?"

In the one voluntary clinic, where patients must pay the equivalent of £45,



they are kept in a locked compound for 45 days with no visitors. During that time they receive decreasing doses of methadone until they are finally brought off drugs altogether. Then they have an option of a further six months' rehabilitation.

Dr Zhang Ruinin, who works at the clinic, said: "About 50 per cent of patients leave before the end of their treatment. Of those who stay the course, about 90 per cent go back on drugs when they leave." It is a measure of the scale of the problem.

● *Peking:* Mark Baber, aged 28, the British businessman facing a possible death sentence for alleged drug smuggling, told a Shanghai court he thought the marijuana he was carrying was herbal medicine, his mother, Heidelind, who lives in Germany, said here yesterday.

She added that her son, the first Briton to be tried on drugs charges in China, told the court on Tuesday, the first day of his trial, that he had been given the drugs by a fellow Briton in Shanghai and had agreed to take them to Osaka in Japan. *(Reuter)*

Fresh evidence by camp guards gives hope to Demjanjuk

By Richard Beeston in Jerusalem and Our Foreign Staff

THE expressionless face of John "Ivan" Demjanjuk returned to Israel's supreme court yesterday, when his lawyer attempted to cast fresh doubts on whether the Ukrainian immigrant, sentenced to death for war crimes, really was the notorious Treblinka guard known as "Ivan the Terrible".

The defence lawyer, Yoram Sheftel, demanded that the Ukrainian immigrant, who settled in Ohio after the war, be released immediately after fresh evidence was presented to the court. Mr Sheftel said: "The evidence will hasten the acquittal of John Demjanjuk. The evidence is plain and clear and will totally negate that Demjanjuk is 'Ivan the Terrible'." The former Cleveland car worker was stripped of his United States citizenship in 1986 and deported to Israel for trial, where several survivors of the Holocaust identified him as "Ivan the Terrible", a notoriously cruel guard accused of taking sadistic pleasure in tormenting the death camp inmates.

Demjanjuk was sentenced to hang by an Israeli court after he was found guilty in 1988 of killing 850,000 Jews at the Treblinka extermination camp, where he worked as a gas chamber operator. However, Demjanjuk has consistently pleaded his innocence and claims that he was a prisoner of war held by the Germans, who was eventually conscripted by the Nazis to fight the Russians. The new evidence presented yesterday consisted of testimony by scores of former Ukrainian guards, recorded after their capture by Soviet troops at Treblinka in Poland.

"The Ukrainian guards gave unbiased testimony as to Ivan the Terrible's identity, long before Demjanjuk was caught. They identified the guard as Ivan Marchenko, who had dark hair, prominent ears and was tall," said Mr Sheftel.

The Soviet documents appeared to support the defence claim that Demjanjuk is the victim of a case of mistaken identity and that Ivan Demjanjuk, previously described as blond and stocky, was mistaken by survivors for Ivan Marchenko.

Mr Sheftel said that "today is the day I have been waiting for", and he claimed that the testimony provided "irrefutable evidence" which should result in Demjanjuk's immediate release.

However, the court agreed to the prosecution's request that the court reconvene in December to hear further evidence from the Soviet Union. The prosecution lawyer, Michael Shaken, said that nothing had been produced which could overturn the verdict. In particular, he drew attention to the fact that Demjanjuk may well have used the name Marchenko, his mother's maiden name, as a way of disguising his identity.

In Canberra, Ivan Polyukhovich, aged 75, facing charges of murdering 25 people in Australia's first war crimes prosecution, lost a legal battle in the High Court and the case will go ahead. The High Court ruled 4-3 against an application that the war crimes legislation passed in 1989 was invalid.



Demjanjuk: lawyer urged his immediate release



Pulling a face: Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, grimacing as he tests the strength of a bowstring yesterday in Ulan Bator, the Mongolian capital. His hosts, in honour of this first visit to their country by a Japanese leader, laid on displays of horsemanship, archery and wrestling, for which Mr Kaifu and his wife, Sachiyo, donned traditional dress. In talks with Mongolia's leaders, he offered assistance worth about $7 million (£4.15 million). President Ochirbat told him a new constitution would be drafted this year guaranteeing political freedom and a market economy. *(Reuter)*

Chinese dissident starts jail fast

By Catherine Sampson and Our Foreign Staff

CHEN Ziming, a dissident economist who is serving a 13-year sentence for allegedly masterminding the Tiananmen Square demonstrations in 1989, has gone on hunger strike in a Peking prison, according to his family.

It was also reported from Tokyo yesterday that Japan has sent back to China a student who had sought political asylum after the pro-democracy protests.

Chen, aged 39, has gone on hunger strike to try to secure better conditions for his friend and former colleague, Wang Juntao, an editor who is believed to be suffering from hepatitis B in a punishment cell. Chen's wife has been banned from making her regular prison visits.

Five dissidents are being kept in particularly harsh conditions because of their refusal to repent. One, Bao Zunxin, has been allowed medical treatment because of his ill health. Wang Dan, a student leader, Ren Wanding a veteran human rights activist, and Chen are all being kept in solitary confinement. Peking has confirmed that Wang Juntao who, like Chen, was imprisoned for 13 years for allegedly trying to overthrow the socialist system, is being kept in a punishment cell, but reports that he has hepatitis B have been denied.

Wang Juntao, aged 33, had said he would go on hunger strike if his conditions did not improve. His wife, Hou Xiaotian, who was due to visit him two days ago, when his strike was to begin, was barred from seeing him. The authorities said yesterday that he had not begun his fast.

The report of Wang Juntao's conditions, which appeared on the Peking-controlled *China News Service* in Hong Kong, is the first official statement on the condition of political prisoners since the mass arrests in 1989. Peking apparently felt it needed to comment because of international concern. Students in Hong Kong, Canada, America and Europe have staged protests to try to secure Wang's release.

A Tokyo justice ministry official said that Lin Guizhen, a student who had fought deportation for 17 months for fear of reprisals over her part in pro-democracy protests, was among 62 Chinese flown from Nagasaki to Shanghai amid tight security. Miss Lin arrived in Japan in September 1989 in a wooden boat with 230 other Chinese.

Elderly call on Queen to help

Wellington – New Zealand's elderly, reeling from big cuts in their superannuation payments, are returning their war medals and yesterday petitioned the Queen to dismiss the government.

A lobby group calling itself Super-Ants said it had handed a petition to Dame Catherine Tizzard, the governor-general, asking the Queen to set up a special committee to rescue New Zealand from its "economic crisis". Dame Catherine is not obliged to forward such petitions to Buckingham Palace. She is required instead to seek and act on the advice of the National party government here.

A tough system of means testing was imposed on superannuation payments in last month's budget, with the result that up to 60 per cent of the elderly have had their payments cut. *(AFP)*

Murders claim

Biloxi, Mississippi – Donald Leroy Evans, aged 34, charged with killing a girl aged ten, has told the authorities that he murdered more than 60 people in 17 states over ten years, according to his lawyer. Fred Lusk said in an interview that three murders had been confirmed. *(Reuter)*

Talks called off

Hong Kong – Hanoi has cancelled talks with Britain about setting up internationally run camps in Vietnam to house the boat people now crammed into detention centres in Hong Kong. No reason was given, according to the government radio here. The talks were to have begun in Geneva next week. *(Reuter)*

MPs protest

Delhi – Members of India's ruling Congress party brought parliament to a halt after an attack on the house of Madhavrao Scindia, the civil aviation minister, by opposition Hindu revivalists. Last week, Mr Scindia angered the Bharatiya Janata Party by saying its leaders, including his mother and sister, were dividing India by religion. *(Reuter)*

Going home

Harare – The Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, the veteran Zimbabwean politician, is planning to return to Zimbabwe from exile in spite of being threatened with arrest and trial for treason. He plans to go back in October when the Queen and 50 Commonwealth leaders are in Harare for the biennial summit.

Aquino relents

Manila – President Aquino will allow the remains of Ferdinand Marcos, her deposed predecessor, to be buried in the Philippines before her term expires next year, Franklin Drilon, her chief aide, said. "The administration has no intention to ban perpetually the return of the body of the late president," he said. *(AFP)*

Apology sought

Honolulu – Frank Fasi, the mayor of Honolulu, wants Japanese officials to attend ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and he also wants them to apologise for it. He wrote to President Bush saying that it would be a "big mistake" if the Japanese were excluded. *(AFP)*

Blue genes

Sydney – Researchers in Melbourne claim they have isolated the gene that creates blue pigments in flowers, and expect to be able to produce blue roses within two years. The scientists from the Calgene Pacific company have been working on the Australian project for four years. *(Reuter)*

ANC foot soldiers join army of jobless

From Gavin Bell in Johannesburg

WHEN Joe recently returned to Soweto after two decades in exile as a guerrilla of the African National Congress, there were no ululating crowds to greet him, no bands, no banners, no victory parades. Now he has been conscripted into another army, that of unemployed blacks scraping a living from part-time work in a deepening recession and with no immediate prospects of improving their lot in the "new" South Africa.

"For years I dreamt of coming home in the back of an open truck with my rifle over my shoulder, cheered by the people as a hero of the struggle. But all I found was apathy, confusion, and my own people killing each other. I wonder now whether it was all worth it," he said.

Joe's disillusion is widely shared in the ranks of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC's armed wing, a year after it suspended the armed struggle against apartheid to assist the reform process. Having lost its bases in neighbouring African states, and vital support from the Eastern bloc, it is now in danger of losing its very reason for existence.

A singularly ineffective guerrilla army in military terms, Umkhonto's activities for more than 30 years were limited to sporadic bomb attacks which did little damage and caused few casualties. Its principal value was psychological, as a symbol of defiance among the masses oppressed by apartheid.

But, with the ANC's military option effectively closed, even that relevance is diminished. Umkhonto now seeks to be part of a post-apartheid defence force, and is discussing strategy to achieve this end with friendly forces in the nominally independent homelands.

However, controversy has arisen over Umkhonto's activities in Transkei, with Pretoria accusing the homeland's military regime of recruiting ANC guerrillas into an expanded defence force and threatening to cut essential subsidies.

Umkhonto's dilemma is compounded by confusion over who controls it. Its command structure is dominated by cadres of the Communist party, which is preparing to form its own delegation to constitutional talks with the government. The dichotomy spells further trouble for an already demoralised rebel army without a cause.

Pupils sob at neo-nazi burial in Transvaal

From Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg

ABOUT 4,000 people, including teachers and their pupils, attended a funeral service yesterday for one of the three members of the neo-fascist Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) killed during last Friday's battle with police at a rally addressed by President de Klerk.

The dead man, Andries Badenhorst, aged 37, was a teacher at a primary school in Randfontein, a goldmining town west of Johannesburg and a stronghold of the ultra-right wing. He was knocked down and killed by a minibus carrying blacks as the AWB and police clashed in the streets of the Western Transvaal town of Ventersdorp.

Many pupils sobbed as the coffin of their former teacher was carried into Randfontein's town hall where the funeral service was held. There were no police in sight and AWB members restrained themselves from their normal practice of waving their swastiki-type banners and displaying firearms.

Ventersdorp police said that two AWB members had been arrested on charges of public violence. More AWB members face arrest on charges of attempted murder, public violence, assault and malicious damage to property.

Black lecture attacks Jews

From James Bone in New York

LAST summer, a Jewish professor at New York's City College declared that blacks were intellectually inferior to whites and that black men travelling on the subway should be confined to specially policed carriages.

This summer, a black colleague at the city-run further education college in Harlem has taken his turn to fan the embers of racial unrest in the city with an attack on Jews.

Dr Leonard Jeffries, chairman of City College's department of African-American studies, delivered a two-hour videotaped diatribe against Jews to a publicly funded black arts and cultural festival in Albany, the state capital. "There was a conspiracy planned and plotted and programmed out of Hollywood with people named Greenberg and Weisberg and whatnot," Dr Jeffries said. "Russian Jewry had a particular control over the monies and their financial partners, the mafia, put together a system for the destruction of black people. It was by design, it was calculated."

Dr Jeffries is the author of an unusual academic theory that divides the world into Ice People and Sun People. Ice People, mainly Europeans, are greedy and materialistic and aspire to dominate other races. Sun People are humane, communal and creative. The academic, who claimed that he had received information from "the head Jew at City College", said in his speech that he was tracing the relationship between powerful Jews and rich conservatives in America. He said that the results were being put into "our African computer".

His remarks have left New Yorkers wondering how a man paid $71,000 (£42,000) a year from public funds can be allowed to deliver racist remarks at a subsidised forum. More surprisingly, Dr Jeffries sat on a state panel which rewrote high schools' social studies curriculum to "de-emphasise" the role of Europeans in the United States.

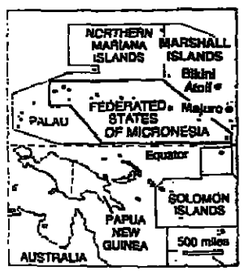
Bikini's atom-bomb exiles yearn to return home

From James Pringle in Ejit, Marshall Islands

THEY might not have heard of the new world order, nor that the Berlin Wall has come down, but the exiled inhabitants of Bikini atoll, devastated by 23 nuclear bomb tests in the late 1940s and most of the 1950s, know something in the world has changed.

They sense that their sacrifices 45 years ago may have contributed to the changes. After all, this is what the tall, fair-haired Americans with blue eyes who came to see them one Sunday after church in 1946, and appealed to their Christian sense of humanity, said would happen. "They told us we were like the children of God," Kilon Bauno, chief of Bikini, said here. "We would make a sacrifice that would benefit the people of the world and end all world wars."

The isolated Bikini atoll, a series of 24 islands on a reef surrounding a lagoon in the northern Marshalls in Micronesia, had been chosen for powerful weapons tests. It would not be safe for people to remain. Would the

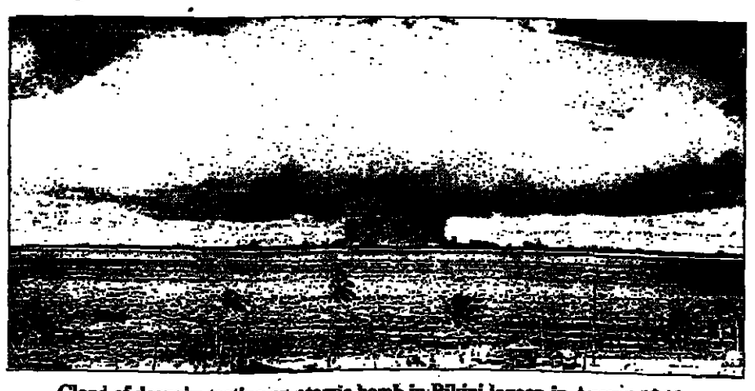


167 islanders be ready to make this sacrifice for peace on earth, and move to other islands? Thus Operation Crossroads atom and hydrogen-bomb tests conducted over a decade were held on the atoll.

Mr Bauno's present home is on tiny Ejit island two miles across the lagoon from Majuro, capital of the Marshall Islands republic, recognised reluctantly by Britain this month. Now the exiles ask that they be helped to return to the island of pristine white sands they still remember as beautiful, though they fear what Mr Bauno calls the "poison" – radiation.

Sitting outside a clapboard house near the coral beach surrounded by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Mr Bauno added: "It was only later we understood the Americans had used us, and it was not something good they were doing. It was something that destroyed our islands."

Years ago, the exiles were told the "poison" had gone and they could return. Some did in 1972 and were surprised at the changes. Three small islands had vaporised. Others had no vegetation. This bareness gave people in the West the idea of calling a minuscule swimsuit a bikini.



Cloud of despair: testing an atomic bomb in Bikini lagoon in August 1946

The exiles were right to be afraid about returning. By 1978, medical examinations revealed radiation levels well above the maximum permissible levels. Islanders had a high level of radioactive caesium in their bodies. They were moved off to different islands.

"People from Bikini are still dying far from our island. We are dying everywhere. I keep coming back to this. I cannot get piece of mind," said Mr Bauno. Three American energy department scientists are currently on a small island, Eneu, on the Bikini atoll, preparing a new clean-up job for the now 1,785 Bikinians. In three years Mr Bauno may be able to go back. But in his state of health, three years is a long time. Maybe it is too long.

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Water everywhere, but is it fit to drink?

Sales of filters are rising almost as fast as our bills, but the purer the tap water, the higher the price. Ann Kent reports

If Britons are paying a high price for their tap water, does it follow that the quality of our water is also high?

A report published this week from analysts of the National Utility Services has found that with increases of 15.2 per cent in a year, Britain has the second highest water inflation in Europe (Italy is the highest, at 19.5 per cent). Yet pressure groups fear that we are failing to meet European standards for tap water, and rising sales of mineral water and sophisticated water filters suggest faltering public confidence.

The three main concerns over tap water involve the apparent links between aluminium in the water and a form of senile dementia; worries that lead in water pipes may affect the intellectual development of children; and the unknown risks presented by the vast numbers of chemicals, including pesticides, which are released into the environment via water. Water scientists are also worried that a newly discovered organism, cryptosporidium, which is not destroyed by chlorination, can cause severe stomach upsets lasting up to 30 days.

Are these fears justified? Pesticides in much of our drinking water do exceed the limits set by the European Community, but there is much argument over whether these limits are achievable without enormous cost to the consumer. The water companies which are breaching the EC limits are covered by an acceptance by the environment secretary that implementation of standards can be postponed for an agreed period while new equipment is installed. However, the EC Drinking Water Directive, passed in 1980, was intended to be implemented in 1985. Friends of the Earth is challenging in the British and European courts the government's right to change the time limit. It is also demanding that the water companies should install the necessary equipment without further delay, and that pesticide users who are polluting the water supply should foot the bill.

Last month the first report of the Drinking Water Inspectorate, which was set up to ensure that the newly privatised water companies supplied wholesome water, stated that the water supplied by the 39 water companies in England and Wales was "generally of a high standard, and much was of an exceptionally high standard". However, it added that 31 pesticides were found in quantities exceeding the pesticides standard, although concentrations were "minute".

Derek Miller, an assistant director of the Water Research Centre at Medmenham, Buckinghamshire, an independent company which carries out research for the water companies, the environment department, the National Rivers Authority and the European Commission, believes much of the alarm over our drinking water is misplaced. He points out that no cases of the three principal waterborne diseases, dysentery, typhoid and cholera, have been traced to the public water supply for at least 20 years.

Dr Miller cites the case of cryptosporidium, which can sometimes escape water treatment processes and does not respond to disinfection. "It has probably caused stomach complaints for years, but it is only now that we have the ability to detect it," he says. "We are also capable of finding the tiniest traces of all kinds of other organic substances. It is impossible to prove whether these substances, taken over a lifetime, cause harm, but we know the risk must be extremely low.

"We worry about the messages being put over to the public, particularly in some ads for water filters."

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Graham Jukes, the undersecretary of the Institution of Environmental Health Officers, is concerned that the cost of cleaning up the water supply may become prohibitive. "We have a wholesome water supply in this country now, and our drinking water quality is up with the best in the EC," Mr Jukes says. "But is the water charge payer going to pay the amounts of money needed to remove the tiniest traces of pesticides? Our concern is that there will be public health problems if water becomes so expensive that people use less of it. And we would certainly agree with Friends of the Earth on the need to cut down at source on pesticides."

Dr John Inman, a member of the working party which produced the British Medical Association's report, "Pesticides, Chemicals and Health" (to be published in paperback by Edward Arnold in October), believes that we know a lot less than we imagine about the effects of pesticides.

"Everyone is getting into a twist about how much of these substances should be allowed into the water supply, when there is serious uncertainty about how safe they are," he says. "What we do know is that tiny amounts of substances can become concentrated as they move up the food chain, and it is we who are at the top of that chain."

According to Friends of the Earth, the most pressing current concern about water relates to lead levels. Lead is believed to interfere with brain development in children, and is known to cause stomach pains, headaches, tremor and irritability in low concentrations, and coma and death if ingested at high levels.

Water companies add alkaline substances to the supply to try to cut down the amount of lead that can be dissolved from lead pipes, which still serve an unknown number of older houses.

The Water Quality Regulations of 1989 set a national standard which is more stringent than the EC directive, but Friends of the Earth believes even this is too high. The Consumers' Association has asked the government to review the maximum permitted levels of lead in water.

The links between Alzheimer's disease and aluminium added by water companies to make the water less cloudy are much more controversial. Scientists are puzzled by research which appears to show that people living in areas where aluminium is added are more likely to develop this form of dementia, because intake from water pales into insignificance compared with the quantities ingested in the ordinary diet.

One theory, put forward in *The Lancet* by Professor Derek Birchall, is that aluminium is most likely to be added to soft water where quantities of another substance, silicic acid, tend to be low. Professor Birchall believes that silicic acid inhibits the absorption of aluminium from all dietary sources. So it is the absence of silicic acid, not the presence of tiny amounts of aluminium, which are causing the increase in dementia, he believes.

Some water companies are using iron salts instead of aluminium, but Paul Garrett, a spokesman for the Water Services Association, emphasises that the water companies do not regard added aluminium as a hazard. "Where companies are making the switch, it is purely because the customers are concerned," he says.

So is our drinking water safe? It seems prudent for anyone who thinks they have lead pipes to seek advice about how to reduce the risks. But the Consumers' Association and Friends of the Earth agree that it is not necessary for the public to buy mineral water or filters.

NATIONAL NEWS



Trickle of concern: even in a drought, can we relish what comes out of the tap?

First bite of freedom

NICK MALAND



OBSERVANT television viewers noticed that John McCarthy, who appeared to be talking normally while in Damascus, had slightly slurred speech after a day or two at RAF Lyneham. Their immediate diagnosis – that he was drugged – received some support from the patient, but nobody knew whether this was an example of his quirky sense of humour. It seems unlikely that any temazepam, a relatively short-acting benzodiazepine, given the night before as a sleeping pill would still be affecting his speech the following day, even though five years of poor diet might have affected his liver's ability to detoxify drugs.

Slurred speech can be the result of a variety of causes either in the mouth, in the muscles of the tongue and cheek, in the nerve supply to these muscles, or in the higher centres of the brain. The commonest cause of slurring, alcohol, exerts its greatest effect through its influence on the cerebral cortex, and the symptoms start, together with blurred vision and an unsteady gait, when the blood alcohol levels are about twice the legal limit for driving.

A likely cause of Mr McCarthy's slurred speech could be tooth and gum trouble, for he had recently seen RAF dentists, and even without the numbing effect of any local anaesthetic the swelling caused by the dentists' activities could have altered diction. Mr McCarthy's teeth, in common with the other hostages', have suffered in captivity. Even discounting lack of dental hygiene, the hostages' teeth would have suffered from a diet which by all accounts was not only monotonous but lacking in essential vitamins, in particular vitamin C. This would cause swollen, spongy gums, liable to bacterial infection, and loose teeth, and vitamin B deficiencies would affect the mucous membranes of the tongue and mouth. Any vitamin deficiencies in his food would have been exacerbated by the inevitable prisoner's diarrhoea.

Women in deep trouble



SCUBA diving is growing in popularity, and the British Sub-Aqua Club estimates that more than 5,000 women enjoy the pastime. Although the dangers associated with the effects of altered pressure on the gases within the lungs and their solubility in the blood are well known, a recent review in the *British Medical Journal* by Dr J.E. Cresswell and Mr St Leger-Dowse exposes a general lack of knowledge about their effect on women and, when the woman is pregnant, on the unborn child.

The greater thickness of women's subcutaneous fat (fat holds up to five times more inert gas than muscle) renders them more liable to the serious form of decompression sickness, type II bends, with the added danger that the onset of the symptoms may be delayed. Reports suggest that liability to decompression sickness is greatest in the first half of the menstrual cycle. There is evidence that diving when pregnant can increase the incidence of vaginal infection and, if decompression sickness occurs, cause foetal damage. In view of this, the British Sub-Aqua Club has recommended that pregnant women, or those planning pregnancy, should not dive.

All divers, whatever their sex, should be physically and mentally fit, and should not be taking any drugs that might impair their judgment. Just as no divers should dive again too soon, nor should they fly home immediately after diving (a gap of at least 12 hours is recommended); thanks to the subcutaneous fat this precaution is particularly important for women.

Hepatitis and a small drink

AS HOLIDAYMAKERS return from exotic parts of the world, inevitably some will bring back viruses which give rise to hepatitis A, B, C or non-A, non-B. The standard advice to patients has been to avoid all alcohol during the acute days of the disease and for six months thereafter. However, Dr Iain Murray-Lyon and a team from Charing Cross hospital, in London, have conducted a randomised trial to evaluate the effects of alcohol on recovery from hepatitis. Heavy drinkers, teetotallers, those with pre-existing disease and chronic hepatitis B carriers were all excluded. Dr Murray-Lyon's report, published in *The Lancet*, showed that all patients were well, with normal liver function tests, within three months and that there was no evidence that drinking moderate amounts of alcohol hindered their recovery.

A "feminine moisturiser" is proving a challenge to the marketing people

Decent, honest and discreet

If Replens were a face cream or a shampoo, advertising the new, improved product available from next month would be simple. Unfortunately, as Columbia Laboratories UK is only too aware, promoting a vaginal moisturiser is a difficult task. You cannot just go out there and tell it like it is.

The facts are straightforward enough. Replens was developed in the United States as an alternative to lubricating gels or oestrogen creams, and is aimed primarily at women who suffer from vaginal dryness caused by the drop in oestrogen levels at menopause.

The moisturiser works through bioadhesive technology: the key ingredient is polycarbophil, which is said to have the ability to hold large amounts of moisture but binds to the surface of cells so it can go on releasing this moisture. Three applications a week (£3.85) will provide, says Columbia, "full-time comfort".

Launched in the US in November 1989, Replens became available over the counter in Britain a year later. Now the pre-filled applicators have been redesigned to be more user-friendly.

Richard Drury, the general manager of Columbia UK, who is responsible for making sure that consumers hear about this, has had to come to terms with the limitations on the kind of advertising campaigns that can be run. He explains: "Before we launched the product we carried out detailed market research. We knew that if we got the language wrong we could come a cropper.

"Just before launch we checked out the final text for the pack itself: we had tended to address the subject indirectly by finding delicate ways of putting things. We referred, for instance, to Replens as a feminine moisturiser.

"However, women said that they wanted us to bring the subject out into the open and say clearly what the product was for and how it was used. In fact, they wanted a language they could use to talk to their GPs with if they had this kind of problem."

Only a handful of viewers complained. Most were men who thought it was not appropriate to advertise such a product on television

An advertisement was prepared for publication in both national newspapers and women's magazines. It mentioned vaginal dryness and vaginal moisture, compared the product to lubricating jellies and referred to intercourse.

One magazine group refused the ad, saying it was not appropriate for its readership. The others accepted it, and it ran in a variety of publications from *Good Housekeeping* to *Family Circle*. Only two national newspapers – the *Daily Mail* and the *Sunday Express* – ran the ad.

Replens was, however, advertised on television, subject to the usual rulings on timing for sanitary products (tampons and sanitary towels are not advertised at times when children might be viewing) and with one change to the original script: the word "vaginal" had to go.

The 20-second commercial, first shown on TVS last autumn and later on Thames, and due to be shown again this autumn, consisted of a series of pastel drawings of a water lily on a pond, which opened up as a gentle rain fell. The voice-over informed viewers that "new Replens will end the problem of feminine dryness". Only the pack shot made it clear which part of the female anatomy was being referred to.

Mr Drury says the station logs at both TVS and Thames showed that only a handful of viewers complained about the ads. "Most were men who thought it was not appropriate to advertise such a product on television," he says.

"The main problem with Replens is that it has connotations with sexual needs," says Jean Chapell, the vice-president of marketing for the parent company, Columbia Inc. "It's ironic that television can show programmes that deal with people and their sex lives, and newspapers and magazines can run endless series about sex, but when you want to advertise something which has relevance to real people and their sexual needs, you run into difficulties."

LEE RODWELL

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At Thresher, the more you pick up, the more they come down.

As well as great savings on Heineken, you can get other great deals when buying 24 x 440ml cans. Stella Artois less than 95p a can. Bentley's Yorkshire Bitter less than 45p a can. Boddington's Draught less than 91p a can. Another discount or promotions apply.

See Yellow Pages for the address of your nearest branch.

THRESHER WINE SHOPS DRINKS STORES

Offer open to UK residents aged 18 or over.

Promotion runs from 11 July to 31 August 1991 while stocks last. All crossed out prices were the normal Thresher prices prior to 11 July 1991. All prices and offers are available at all Thresher Wine Shops, Drinks Stores from Thresher and Wine Rack in England and Wales.

The secret life of the Circle line

Marcel Berlins finds London Underground dominates a chilling pyschological novel

The title matters. The magic silken carpet could accommodate everyone who wanted to stand on it; and it would take them all to the destination they chose. Jarvis thinks of London's Underground as being like the carpet; but then he is a tube fanatic, writing a book on its history, spending his holidays and his money on visiting the underground systems of other cities. The tube to him is magic and religion and happiness.

Aha, we say, one of Vine's typical eccentrics, clearly a man who finds it difficult to conduct normal human relationships and has latched onto an obsession with subterranean trains as a means of coping; shouldn't wonder if he didn't do something extremely strange one day.

We would be wrong; what happens instead is extraordinary. Vine, quite audaciously, deliberately, makes the London Underground the central character of the book. Almost every significant event in the book happens on the tube and in stations, or is at least directed and influenced by them.

From the astonishing and shocking opening chapter the Underground dominates. At Bond Street station Jarvis finds Tom and Jed doing their busking, and invites them to be tenants in his house, a gloomy former school by the side of the Jubilee line. Alice, the violinist who has abandoned her husband and baby for her music, meets Tom at Holborn and joins the busking group and the house. The ménage is joined by the mysterious Alex, who has a busking act with a man inside a bear costume. Teenagers prove their courage by "sledging" – riding from station to station while lying on top of the trains. Terrorist bombs explode. Even when Alice finds a job, it is with a solicitors' adjacent to a tube.

All journeys on the Underground are lovingly, precisely plotted and described. The list of the names of the stations passed, the changes needed to move from one line to another, become almost a litany. The effect is unexpectedly mesmeric, comforting in its cumulative detail. The parallel with religion is not altogether remote; Vine reveals the intricacies of the system as if she were disclosing the rules and workings of some cult, whose general purpose is known to millions but whose innermost secrets are understood only by the chosen few. And gradually, the system below assumes a personality of its own: loyal, hardworking, occasionally joyous, sinister, capricious and sometimes cruel.

Back at the brooding schoolhouse, we are in more recognisable Vine territory. Its sad, bruised inhabitants quietly carry the consequences of their disturbed pasts, with an ambition certain to be disappointed. Tom, in love with Alice, thinks of their future in terms of more lucrative busking; she dreams of the concert halls. Jed's emotions are devoted to an ailing hawk. The arrival of the mysterious Alex, a photographer when not with his bear, forces a realignment of the characters' edgy relationships.

The lives begin to intertwine more urgently. Vine is gossamer subtle in laying down her deft little clues. The tension grows, patiently, hardly noticeably. Suddenly, there is an overwhelming sense of foreboding, of inevitable awfulness. But where from and why and how? Vine is the least predictable of writers, and when the unravelling takes place, it is brilliantly unexpected and original. A superb scene of violence – at an Underground, of course – is followed by a quiet coda, gripping in its desolation until nearly the last page, when, coinciding with Jarvis finishing his book on the London tube, Vine pulls off a quite extraordinary climax upon a climax, a shattering conclusion to a book which I believe to be her finest work.

KING SOLOMON'S CARPET
By Barbara Vine
Viking, £14.99

Why then is **King Solomon's Carpets** by alter-ego Barbara Vine rather than the real Ruth Rendell? Superficially, one could argue that it does not contain a truly criminal psychopath. Julian Symons once suggested that the real difference between Rendell and Vine was that (non-Wexford) Rendell dealt with people with a sexual screw loose. That's true up to a point. Vine's characters have masses of Freudian difficulties, but perhaps their screws are not quite as loose, and less likely to lead to stomach-churning homicides, as Rendell's.

Possibly, too, Vine is the quieter, more elusive, less explicit writer, allowing wafts of uneasy atmosphere to do the work, whereas Rendell makes the more positive statements. Yet Ruth Rendell's latest, *Going Wrong*, had much Vine about it. Perhaps, as I am increasingly inclined to believe, whatever valid distinctions may have existed at the beginning of the authorial split are no longer relevant. Anyway, it doesn't matter. Anyone who can write such a wonderful, weird and compelling work as *King Solomon's Carpet* can do so under whichever name she chooses.

MARK ELLIDGE



Barbara Vine, alter ego of Ruth Rendell, is the quieter and more elusive writer

Sassoon and the glamour of war

IN 1917 Siegfried Sassoon made a public statement in wilful defiance of military authority. "I can no longer," he said, "be a party to prolonging these sufferings for ends which I believe to be evil and unjust." He wanted to be publicly court martialled, but, instead he was sent to a hospital for nervous disorders where he was treated by a distinguished neurologist called Rivers. Pat Barker uses the relationship between these two men, and the context within which it develops, to explore that jumble of half-understood concepts of courage and manliness, patriotism and decorum, which belong particularly to the first world war. She emphasises Sassoon's heroism as a fighter and his glamour as a man, because it was these very qualities which fed the attitudes of snobbery, chauvinism and manliness, which so disastrously turned into a myth of glory causing countless deaths.

In the conversations she sets up between him and Rivers she plays out some of the self-deceptions they and the various other patients have fallen into during wartime, trying through them to find a way of resolving the contradictions. Rivers realises in the end that he cannot go on with a job which requires him to make men well just so that they can be sent back to the madness at the front. Sassoon decides he cannot stand apart from what is happening to his fellow men. The debate so eloquently constructed between them comes to a stopping point which hardly amounts to a conclusion. The class distinctions and masculine values of wartime have been stated, but all too subtly challenged.

In **The Death of Napoleon** Simon Leys looks at the psychology of leadership from a different angle. Napoleon escapes from St Helena when a man who resembles him is put in his place and he can sail to Europe incognito. However, the plan founders when the ship is unexpectedly diverted and he finds himself alone without money or protection. He knows that everyone is still talking about him, that there are groups of Bonapartists still loyal to him all over France, but he cannot betray his identity. He can only be a voyeur on his own reputation. By chance he passes through Waterloo on the way to Paris and gets taken on a sightseeing tour. He is bewildered by the strange rooms he is supposed to have slept in before the battle and the colourful rumours which have sprung up around him.

Fortunately, when he arrives in Paris, he falls in with a woman running an unsuccessful business selling melons, so, in the absence of a more glamorous opportunity for leadership he decides to give her a hand and reconstruct her sales strategy with a swift application of the old Napoleonic genius. When, however, he tells her his secret, he is amazed by her distress. It had not occurred to him that imagining oneself to be Napoleon was the most common delusion of the time. The story is told from the outside and the dilemma is never overstated. If we care to ponder this man's experience and its philosophical implications we are free to do so.

In comparison, the world of art

PAPERBACKS
Anne Barnes

REGENERATION
By Pat Barker
Viking, £13.99

THE DEATH OF NAPOLEON
By Simon Leys
Quartet, £12.95

DID VAN GOGH PAINT HIS BED?
By Andrew Gilchrist
Robert Hale, £14.95

ADRIAN MOLE FROM MINOR TO MAJOR
By Sue Townsend
Methuen, £7.99

gallery gossip and big deals seems heavy handed in Andrew Gilchrist's **Did Van Gogh Paint his Bed?** Two young people decide to make some money by setting up a complicated art fraud. Some things go right and others go wrong so that in the end nothing much has happened, but the details are certainly enough to show the art world in a strange light. There is a sort of pleasure in the idea of cheating the dealers



Gilchrist: art gallery gossip

and Gilchrist's idea is ingenious enough to make a good story, but he is inclined to leer at his characters. If the art world is so wicked, it deserves enemies with more panache.

For some, the really important event of the week will be the arrival of the Adrian Mole omnibus. It includes all of Adrian Mole so far, with forty pages of new diary extracts which cover 1989 and 1990. Those who have relied on Mole's observations of the political, social and domestic scene through the 1980s may find that, at 23, he has lost some of the sparkle of his oddball adolescence, but he still has his problems and some of them are funny. His mother marries the lodger, Pandora gets her doctorate and Barry Kent turns from lifelong criminal and bovver boy to celebrated alternative poet. By the end of a decade some of the pleasures of the younger diaries have dulled a little, because one no longer has the sense that this is a secret look at adult misdemeanours. One wonders why Mole himself does not seem to have grown up at all. Perhaps, too, there is some unease on the part of the author at the passing of the Thatcher scene, which provided such rich images of philistine self-righteousness.

Camping out with authors

Michael Wright says informality reigns at the book festival

MORE THAN 4,000 people a day have been sauntering into the haven of Charlotte Square Gardens in Edinburgh this week, where the seven marquees of the Book Festival, linked by a neat grid of wooden walkways, somehow suggest a space-station built in the style of a Leonardo da Vinci flying machine or a show-house from a Homeric Ideal Home Exhibition. It is just the place for a wrathful Achilles to get over his sulking.

But not the, place, apparently, for a sick Mario Vargos Llosa to read from his latest novel; the president-manqué stayed in bed in Peru. Disappointing; however Doris Lessing packed out the Main theatre for her rambling lecture on the state of contemporary fiction. The Main, incidently, is a swish black affair which seats 390 people with an electric fan to prevent the air from getting too mustily bookish. Not that there seems any danger of that, considering the breeze of informality which has slapped at the canvas of the tents over the past few days.

Writers and readers have responded to each other on a number of levels from the lively discussions that have grown out of the "Meet the Author" sessions, to the young woman who – during an exotic food demonstration by Sophie Grigson – proudly produced from her pocket a mysterious gnarled object purchased in a Burmese market in 1984. Ms Grigson adjudged it a beetlenut, but declined to comment on what the young woman might get for it at auction.

Despite featuring somewhat less esoteric audience participation, one of the most rewarding events this week, has been a sparkling talk by Dorothy Dunnett about the processes that lie behind her meticulously researched historical novels. These books inhabit a murky hinterland between fact and fiction, with invented characters inserted into "real" contexts.

On Monday, George MacDonald Fraser had sauntered into similar territory as he delivered a stinging attack on the government's review of the army from the point of view of his famous fictitious creation, Flashman.

Love in the time of Spain's civil strife

PAPERBACKS
Harry Eyres

SCHOOL OF THE SUN
By Ana Maria Matute
Quartet, £6.95

THERE is nothing in English like this account of adolescence on a Balearic island at the start of the Spanish civil war. It has something of the obsessive clarity and simplicity of Marguerite Duras's *The Lover*, but there is also a charged harshness, a pitiless intensity, which is uniquely Spanish, and uniquely Matute's. Thanks be to Quartet for introducing us to one of modern Spain's finest novelists, a writer with an effortlessly individual voice and that privileged access to a world poised between childhood and adulthood which is the ambiguous gift of perilous early insight.

We see everything through the eyes of Matia, 14 at the time of the action, grown-up when she narrates. The older Matia, of whose adult life we learn nothing, tells us almost exclusively what she knew and felt as a teenager. The advantages of the adolescent viewpoint are acute sharpness of visual recall and sensitivity to impressions, and a purblindness towards the adult world through which *things* are glimpsed and intuited rather than plainly seen. It is the conjunction of this pivotal phase in a person's development with an awful historical moment that gives the book its exceptional power.

The civil war is a pervasive but distant influence. The island (not named, but reminiscent of Majorca) is removed from the gunfire, but the tides of war wash up to it, bringing ugly jetsam. For Matia, a near-orphan (her mother is dead, her father fighting for the Republicans) sent off to stay with a tyrannical Nationalist grandmother, the main importance of war is that it overturns the adult world like a stone, half-exposing secrets as grey and furtive as woodlice. War certainly serves as an excuse for the settling of old scores: ancient enmities are redefined in Nationalist-Republican terms on an island where the burning of Jews 500 years before still leaves a vague, deathly stench.



Matute: pitiless intensity

Nothing very much happens, outwardly. Matia befriends a boy, Manuel, from a different class and a different side in the conflict. What she feels is not exactly love, but a sudden awareness of her power and identity as a woman. Through Manuel she meets the mysterious Jorge of Son Major, a much-travelled recluse around whom legends have formed; this encounter brings her closer to adulthood, as she both demythologises him and experiences love.

In the end Matia cannot free herself from the influence of her manipulative cousin Borja, and the story ends sombrely with a betrayal. Left behind are indelible, painterly images of a cruel landscape infected with sun as with a fatal illness; a sense of the utter solitariness of individuals who nonetheless attempt to bind others to them with as little love as spiders feel towards flies; against all that, moments of great tenderness, when two voices mix and the dead crust over things cracks.

Ghostly goings on

PAPERBACKS
Philippa Toomey

IN PURSUIT OF THE GREEN LION
By Judith Merkle Riley
New English Library, £15.99

I always narrow my gaze at a sequel or an author with three names, fearing the worst. In this case I take it all back. Here is a successor to *A Vision of Light* which chronicled the exploits of Margaret of Ashbury, in the middle of the 14th century, ending with a forced marriage to Brother Gregory after the death of her kind, rich merchant husband.

Brother Gregory is Gilbert, youngest son of a minor noble family, and in another life he has been poet in Paris, known for his satirical verses. Margaret and her two red-headed little daughters (frightful brats) have to make the best of a tumbledown manor and in-laws who plot to do away with her for her money.

The manor house is haunted by a Weeping Lady (quite common in the Middle Ages), who is Margaret's mother-in-law, a fearful snob in death as in life. The strange cold feeling materialises occasionally into Master Kendall, whose widow she is. Unshriven at death, he has been allowed to linger, and his advice proves invaluable.

The book is strangely lighthearted, even funny, about the most dismal situations. Gregory (whom Margaret has learned to love) decides to be the chronicler of the French wars, is captured and held to ransom. Unfortunately the captor is D'Aigremont, a dead ringer for Giles de Rais, who murders and tortures small children, and whose poetry is so awful that Gregory wrote a satiric poem about him in the old days, and is now at his mercy in a hideous oubliette.

Disguised as a pilgrim and expecting a child, Margaret sets off with two old friends to rescue Gregory. Of course, she manages to do so, although the atmosphere at D'Aigremont's castle is so evil that the Burning Cross she wears (it will burn you if you are a sinner) emits an angry hum the whole time. Add in some fraudulent alchemy, a touch of true love and a cleaned-up kitchen maid in disguise and one has a very entertaining tale written partly by Margaret herself.

■ **Druids**, by Morgan Llyweyn (*Heinemann, £14.99*). Ainvar, an orphan, is brought up to be a Druid in what the Romans contemptuously describe as "Hairy Gaul". He lives among the Carnutes, and has extraordinary powers, drawn from communing with nature and the spirits of Druids past. He forms a bond with the young prince of a neighbouring tribe, Vercingetorix and they both, from differing angles, view with dismay and rage the encroaching Roman culture and its army, led by Julius Caesar. Druids are portrayed as early Greens, and a source of natural wisdom. There is even a spirited defence of the practice of burning prisoners alive as a sacrifice. Caesar won and wrote a book about it.

■ **The Golden Tulip** by Rosalind Laker (*Doubleday, £14.99*). In 17th-century Amsterdam the Visser family had three artists – Hendrick, and two of his daughters, Francesca and Aletta. Hendrick, though a good painter, is a gambler and drinker, and they lived on the edge of poverty, like their friend Rembrandt. Francesca becomes the pupil of Jan Vermeer in Delft. She is loved by Pieter van Dorne, who grows the famous tulips for a living, and Ludolf van Deventer, a rich entrepreneur of sinister antecedents, married to an invalid wife. Three interwoven love stories of the sisters are told with a convincing background of Dutch paintings and painters of the time. A good read, at nearly 600 pages, each with its tulip.

■ **The Captain's Wives**, by Malcolm Macdonald (*Hodder and Stoughton, £14.99*). Captain Frank Morgan, married for more than twenty years to Hilda, has two sons and a lively young daughter. They live in the Highbury of the 1880s – with its own dramatic and philharmonic societies, the City walking distance away. In a voyage to Boston he spots an Irish immigrant girl who is the image of a former love, and is imprudent enough to tell her he is a widower, and marry her. It sounds promising, but the plot loses its way and the ending is implausible.

■ **Diva**, by Carol Kane (*Hodder and Stoughton, £15.99*). Moira Devereux and her daughter Maeve are rescued from a British camp in South Africa during the Boer War by Sean Farrell (as the illegitimate son of a Montenegrin prince his other name is Ivan Petrovic) who becomes Moira's lover. Sean/Ivan is tall, dark and glamorous, but keeps disappearing, so Moira is kept by a number of wealthy men. Maeve has a beautiful voice, succeeding in her attempts to be an opera singer. Melba ignores her, Mary Garden hates her, Richard Strauss implores her to sing Salome. In spite of murders, kidnappings, bank failures, Balkan plotting, wild success at the Metropolitan, Maeve, with the stunning red hair and the creamy skin, is a stock figure who ends, happily in the arms of her mother's lover.

Melancholy world of a girls' boarding school

Frances Hill

NO TALKING AFTER LIGHTS
By Angela Lambert
Penguin, £4.99

TEMPLES OF DELIGHT
By Barbara Trapido
Penguin, £4.99

DOG DAYS
By Mavis Cheek
Coronet, £3.99

AT RAEBURN school, where "being rich mattered very much indeed, but boasting about being rich was the worst kind of swanking," Constance King starts badly by not having a picture of her parents with a horse or big house in the background to "indicate her social status without seeming to show off". She never fits in, being neither an instinctive conformist nor specially pretty. She suffers much loneliness and heartache, is suspected of stealing, finds herself forced into shielding the true thief and nearly runs away. But common sense triumphs and she stays.

The plot and writing of **No Talking After Lights** are humdrum but the book paints a picture of English boarding school life in the Fifties that, through sheer accuracy, is compelling and moving. Especially strong is the portrayal of that youthful, female version of upper-class bitchiness all-pervasive at boarding schools. Strong, too, is the depiction of a bitter biology teacher and the background and childhood that made her. The narrative is greatly enlivened by her sadistic relationship with a fellow teacher and passionate love for the school's prettiest pupil. But the book's main achievement is its evocation of the melancholy never far from the surface in an all female world of repression and snobbery.

The picture of school life in Barbara Trapido's **Temples of Delight** is far more superficial. The book opens with the heroine meeting the precocious 13-year-old, Jem, who transforms her existence. Jem is tiresome and scarcely credible, with her sophisticated catholicism – "my father is a devotee of the unrevised Eucharistic Fast" – and wide-ranging knowledge of literature, painting and music. Her exotic background causes endless exclamations of "gosh" and "golly" from the heroine but disbelief in the reader. Sure enough, all is fantasy. The revelations at the end are no surprise.

The book's strongest section is one in which recognisable types – an old-fashioned public schoolmaster, his family and some of his pupils, and a miserly museum curator, hard-pressed wife and vulgar mother – are intelligently and amusingly scrutinised. But melodrama re-emerges with the entry of a roughly-sketched American demon lover. As the comedy of manners gives way to high camp, good middle-brow fiction turns to trash.

Mavis Cheek's **Dog Days** has moments when character plausibility is sacrificed for the sake of a comic scene. What divorced woman would desperately want to hide from her ex-husband that she has had dinner with another man? The anxiety is manufactured in order that the heroine may feel terrified that a head waiter will produce an incriminating umbrella. He does. Mayhem follows. But most of the book is better than this. Its shrewd, heart-warming flavour is reminiscent of Betty MacDonald's *The Egg and I* and Jean Hartley's *Philip Larkin, The Marvell Press and Me*. All three have good-natured, plucky women as narrators, winning out in the end.

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TELEVISION

Hurt by animal passion

Coaxing a cat to watch television can be a thankless activity. "Look, kitty! Bird and mice!" you say, nodding and smiling. But instead of following the point of your finger towards the screen, they have a rather irritating habit of focusing intently on the finger itself.

I mention this because I tried to get the cats interested in last night's The Hour of the Lynx on BBC 2 ("*Radio Times* says there is a cat in it," I pleaded). Afterwards, though, I was rather glad of their customary indifference. If they had watched, they might have been hell to live with. Because the extractable message of this moving and serious play was: "God is a cat".

Per Olov Enquist's play was a three-hander studio piece, concerning a visit to a Swedish psychiatric prison by a young university researcher, Lisbeth (Sylvestra le Touzel) and a Pastor (Eleanor Bron). The young man they have come to see (Simon Donald, as "The Boy") has been classified as severely disturbed.

The cause of present concern is that a research experiment has ended in tears. Lisbeth had distributed animals to some of the inmates, to see whether it "brings out their humanity". To this disturbed boy she gave a ginger tom-cat, which (in the way of cats) promptly became the centre of his life. There was only one chair in the room, but you could guess whose chair it had become.

The boy named the cat after his beloved grandfather, a religious man with a strong pantheist streak, who saw God in nature, and heard him singing in the Aeolian harp of the telephone wire. In their cell for 23 hours a day, boy and cat talked obsessively together. But now the cat is dead. Another inmate has been attacked (for hurting the cat); and the boy has tried to kill himself.

Intense feelings were at work in this play; and they were acted to perfection. The researcher was desperate, obsessed, alternating between unprofessional snapping at the boy ("You promised you wouldn't!") and talking about him as though he were a lab animal. "May I ask what's been going on between you two?" asked the Pastor. "No," said Lisbeth, glowering at the boy. "No," said the boy. "Good," said Lisbeth, quietly.

The Pastor, meanwhile, was a calming influence. By the serene, level way she asked questions ("But my dear, a cat can't talk"), she appeared to be polite but detached. Only gradually did it become clear, however, that she was touched in a profound way by the boy's relationship with the cat. In the end, she not only believed in it, but even envied it.

Skilfully directed by Stuart Burge, *The Hour of the Lynx* dealt with all the important things in life: love, faith, death, beauty and cats. The only incidental drawback was that it perforce drew attention to the divine aspirations of one's own pets. Scraping out the worst crusty bits in the cat-bowls before retiring to bed, I found myself complaining, "Who do they think I am, their sodding handmaiden?"

LYNNE TRUSS

CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

When will these machinations end?

Geoff Brown on *Terminator 2: Judgment Day; Truly, Madly, Deeply; Paris Trout; Naked Tango* and a rerun of the classic *Elvira Madigan*

With **Terminator 2: Judgment Day** (15, Odeon Leicester Square), Hollywood reaches the crossroads. Is there going to be a human dimension to big-budget entertainment, or will future crowd-pleasers be dazzling vehicles for robots, aliens and the most intricate effects technology can buy? Will films be allowed to pierce the heart and move minds, or mutate permanently into roller-coaster rides, a cascade of thrills for adrenalin junkies?

Six years ago, director James Cameron and his merry men spent $6 million creating *The Terminator*, a cyborg-running-amok tale that leavened its violence with jaunty humour, and found the perfect role for Arnold Schwarzenegger's other-worldly physique. Pressures of inflation and industry hype have bloated Cameron's sequel beyond recognition. Budget estimates hover between $80 million and $110 million (£47-£65 million): money that could have funded some 50 other films, or even helped find a cure for cancer.

At least the money is up there on the screen, in special effects that make the impossible look staggeringly real. This time Schwarzenegger is a good robot, sent to protect John Connor, the young boy born in the first film and destined to be mankind's salvation. Despite switching sides, this Terminator still runs amok, with weapons ranging from X-ray vision to an arsenal of high-tech weapons.

Yet Schwarzenegger no longer rules the roost. The movie is stolen by his cyborg enemy, T-1000 by name, an amalgam of computer-enhanced special effects and a human actor (Robert Patrick, endowed with crew-cut hair and chilling blue eyes). T-1000 has two chief tricks. He can assume the shape of anything from a security guard to black-and-white flooring. He can shatter into fragments, walk through steel bars and form a perfect whole in seconds.

People play a poor third fiddle to the cyborgs. The Connor character, portrayed by Edward Furlong as an unkempt teenage brat, makes an unpromising world saviour; while his mother (played, as before, by Linda Hamilton) only exists as an ugly fusion of shrill paranoia and male machismo in female garb.

Schwarzenegger himself has spoken about a "kinder, gentler Terminator". To be sure, Connor insists his Terminator protector avoids killing people (he pulverises their kneecaps instead); and man's potential for destroying the planet rumbles through the drama. Yet the film's green pose is bogus. If its makers truly wanted to stop our self-annihilation, they would not have made a technically brilliant but dehumanised monster such as *Terminator 2* in the first place.

People still matter in **Truly, Madly, Deeply** (PG, Lumière), a highly promising debut film from the playwright Anthony Minghella. There are no special effects, though the story of a grieving woman whose late boyfriend returns to life leaves obvious openings for spectral apparitions. Despite similarities, this is no *Ghost*: the talented author of *Made in Bangkok* looks beyond surface thrills for a quirky celebration of love, life and the human capacity for renewal.

> *'Schwarzenegger no longer rules the roost. The movie is stolen by his cyborg enemy, T-1000 by name'*

Much of the film's charm stems from Juliet Stevenson; Minghella shaped the heroine's role to suit her own qualities of intelligence, playfulness and vulnerability. Nina lives in a crumbling London flat, alone except for encroaching rats, visiting pest controllers and plumbers. Once there was Jamie, a musician. His cello remains (*Cello*, indeed, was the film's first title), and soon Nina's weight of grief wills him back from the dead; to everyone else he remains invisible.

At first, joy is unconfined, but complications arise. The central heating must be turned up (ghosts have a problem with feeling cold). Then the flat becomes swamped by Jamie's friends, who arrive from the beyond to watch videos. Nina, meanwhile, is uncertain how to act when a new man – a social worker – enters her life.

Stevenson's personable performance is strongly supported by Alan Rickman's fetching turn as a laidback ghost. Minghella's talent for shifting moods occasionally fails him: scenes with Nina's suitor lean too far into whimsy. But the bulk of the film hits the right offbeat note, and Minghella excels in delineating London's multi-national communities of exiles and oddbods. It is rare to find such a tangible sense of place and time in a British film; it is rare, come to that, to find a British film at all.

If Minghella's film suffers any abiding problems, they concern its scale. *Truly, Madly, Deeply* was designed for the BBC TV "Screen Two" slot; blown up for the cinema, the intimate tale may appear to move in low gear. Yet American audiences have already responded warmly; as a riposte to the *Terminator* school, this humane film deserves the same success here.

When a character is played by Dennis Hopper, you know in advance you would not wish to invite him to dinner. The title role in **Paris Trout** (18, Curzon West End), skilfully adapted by Pete Dexter from his award-winning novel, fulfils all expectations. This racist loan shark in a small Southern town scowls at the world, abuses his wife and riddles a young black girl and her mother with bullets when a car loan turns sour. Arrested for murder, he arrogantly expects to walk free: the law books may have their set of rules, Trout declares, but common sense in the segregated South of the late Forties uses another.

Sporting a redneck's fierce short back and sides, his body clenched permanently in anger, Hopper stimulates a *frisson* of fear with every move. Barbara Hershey, as the shockingly abused wife, adds another nuanced performance to her gallery of feisty women. Ed Harris, ever dependable, completes the triangle as Trout's attorney, forced to defend the indefensible. At the helm is Stephen Gyllenhaal, a television talent: his unhurried yet cogent direction gives the film much of its sultry passion. By contrast **Naked Tango** (18, Warner West End), a misbegotten enterprise, is an odious mixture of soft-core kitsch and art-house cleverness.



Driven by destiny: Arnold Schwarzenegger plays a good robot in *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*

The culprit is Leonard Schrader, making his directing debut; some blame should also fall on the late Manuel Puig, author of *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, who provided story ideas. Kitsch emerges in the lurid colours, the camp sex and violence prompted by the heroine's depraved adventures in the Buenos Aires underworld of 1924. The cleverness comes from visual mimicry of German Expressionist cinema.

Schrader's declared intention was to explore the dark passions of romance through the underworld milieu that gave birth to the tango. But the film's layers of artifice are too thick for the foot-stampings and castanets to fan flames of passion; while the international cast – Mathilda May and Vincent D'Onofrio among them – strut like puppets.

There are no garish hues in **Elvira Madigan** (PG, Curzon Phoenix), Bo Widerberg's 1967 film, revived with a nod to the 200th anniversary boy, Mozart, who thoughtfully bequeathed his Piano Concerto No 21 for use as the theme music. This is soft-focus cinema incarnate: a tenderly tragic tale of a Swedish army officer's summer idyll with a circus girl, shot prettily and fuzzily. The absence of strong dramatic meat means it is best to concentrate on the pastel hues, the pleasant players (led by Thommy Berggren and Pia Degermark), and the maestro's tinkling music.

ALAN WELLER



Upbeat: Alan Howard (left) and Christopher Logue

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: THEATRE

Compact imagination of actor and poet

Jeremy Kingston talks to Alan Howard and Christopher Logue about breathing life into Homer's *Iliad* on stage

A Scottish patriot dubbed Edinburgh "the Athens of the North", and though a Stoppard character crisply dismissed it as "the Reykjavik of the South", it is the Greeks who will be having their way at the Dream Tent, a new Edinburgh Fringe venue on the Meadows. Christopher Logue's surging version of Books 1 and 2 of the *Iliad*, succinctly titled *Kings*, is being performed there by Alan Howard and Logue himself.

Howard had taken a break from learning the text to come to Logue's house in Camberwell. In the garden a great ceramic hand thrusts itself out of the ground, prompting speculation that one of the old gods is on his way up from the underworld; one of those whose partiality for Greek or Trojan hastens or delays the outcome of the ten-year siege.

Kings is the second chunk of Homer's 15,000-line epic to be re-fashioned in English by Logue. "It's not at all a literal translation, though nearly everything is there. Think of it as a contemporary re-living."

The tough, sinewy language he has used is a world away from the measured tones of the Penguin Classics version and, by golly, he makes the fear and frenzy sing. His images have a piercing immediacy, yet a vivid metaphor can come flying back, hundreds of lines later, to connect remote parts of the Homer-Logue pattern of rage, awe, greed and sulk. Homer-Logue, a homologue: it's possible. He also puts in grim jokes and puns: "I am still alive and killing," cries Achilles. "Keep the bloodshed to the maximum," Agamemnon urges.

Thirty years ago the BBC commissioned Logue to translate Book 16, the account of the death of Achilles' friend, Patroclus. Versions of three other books followed gradually and all four were published in 1981 as *War Music*.

"Alan read them on the radio, then the two of us gave a theatre performance," says Logue. "We sat on chairs, reading from the books." Howard continues: "We tried to do it as much as possible as if two people were telling a story that had long been told, recalling how it happened."

Howard's manner is guarded, where Logue is all enthusiasm and bounce. *Kings* has been cut from 107 minutes for the BBC to 70 for the theatre, he says. "But the big difference is that Alan's learning it, so as to do as much as possible 'off the book'. It will be a *tour de force*. Howard hastily steps in. "Well, we don't know that. We hope." But Logue is insistent. "A *tour de force*. Alan has such a remarkable voice, and such command over it." Howard now begins to shed the wariness of an actor in a critic's presence. The voice Logue has praised takes on its characteristic pattern of emphasis and expression.

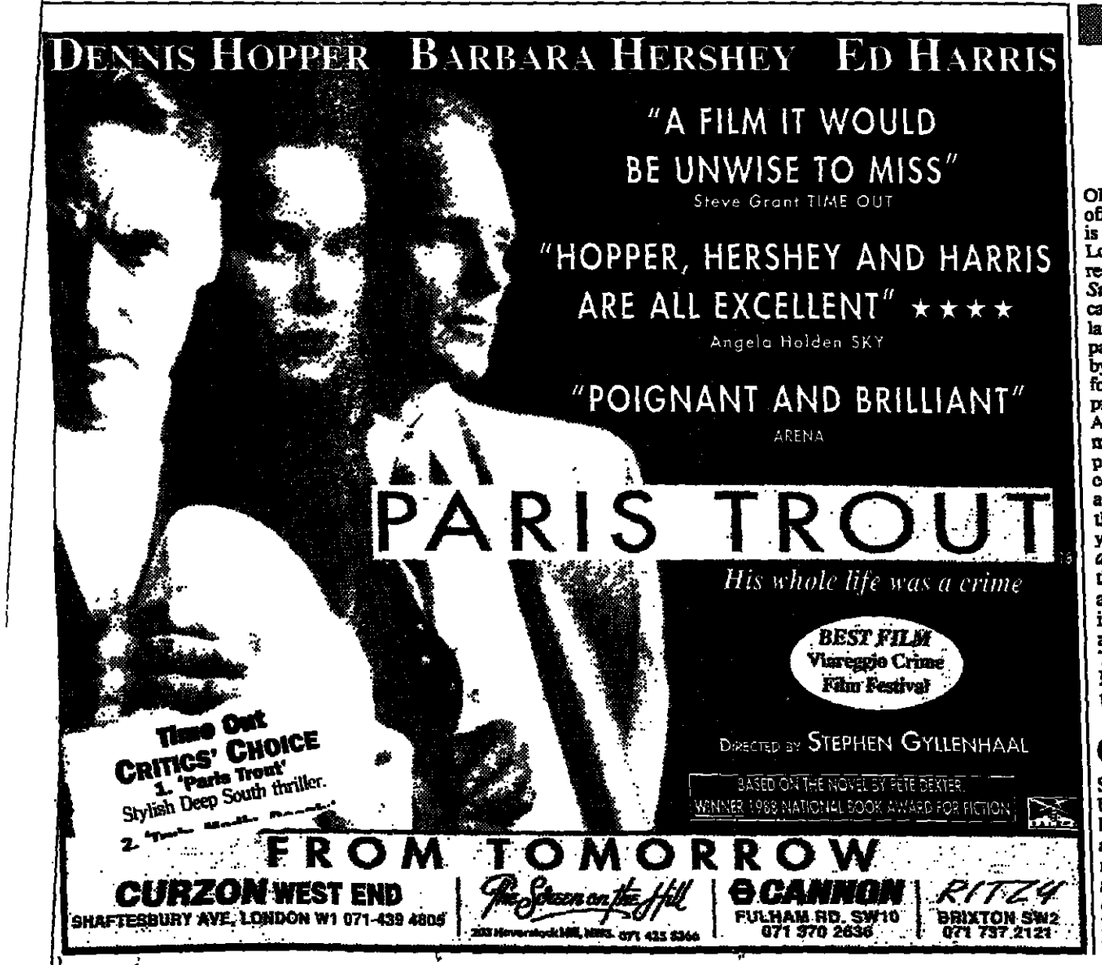
"I was challenged by Liane [Aukin, the director] and Christopher to do this, and felt a lot of what they were saying was right, because you can nail people *more* than if you are always going back to the book. But Christopher is still going to be doing it with me, sitting at his desk, because I hope we won't lose the idea of the *poet* and the *actor* each doing it from his point of view. The idea that the poet – Logue, Homer or whoever – through time immemorial or time to come, is sort of *there* as the person who documents and produces a text. And then somebody else wants to get up and *say* it!"

Logue picks up Howard's style of speaking: "You get a *dynamic* that way."

Howard: "As you already get so wonderfully in the text, there are asides from the narrator, after which you can wind it up again. It's the feeling you have in good storytelling when somebody is telling the story and really likes it, and then they get up and act it around the room. Then they go back and say, 'Oh, and after that we had to take the 2.24 to Uxbridge.' If we can get something like that going, it would, I think, be . . . fun."

Logue beams. His subject is fighting, his characters are frenzied and fearful, but yes, performing it together like this will be fun.

● *Kings is at the Dream Tent, The Meadows, Middle Meadow Walk, Edinburgh, from Sunday to August 24 (031-220 4349).*



EATING

Another approach

ONE of the more unusual offerings of the Japan Festival is the European premiere in London of a radical Japanese restaging of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. The Shiki Theatrical Company of Tokyo, the largest theatre troupe in Japan, has made its reputation by reworking Western drama for Japanese audiences. This production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's 1971 musical apparently frees the plot from "Christian preconceptions" (according to its advance publicity), becoming the story of the struggle of two young men – Jesus and his *alter ego*, Judas – now told through a fusion of eastern and western theatrical styles, including Kabuki make-up and Japanese instruments. The production is at the Dominion Theatre from September 24 to 28.

Odessan's steps

SHURA Cherkassky, claimed by some piano buffs to be the last living exemplar of the authentic Romantic keyboard manner with his capricious and grandiose style, will be 80 on October 7. The Odessa-born pianist, who emigrated to America early in life, plans to celebrate with a daunting tour of every capital city in Europe, including London. He will be playing his customary mixture of Chopin, Schumann and other 19th century warhorses at St John's Smith Square on the birthday itself, October 7, and at the Festival Hall on the afternoon of October 13. A few dates in America and some in the Far East are also scheduled. Decca will be releasing a seven CD collection of live recital recordings to coincide with the birthday.

Last chance . . .

AMONG recognised Old Masters, Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, known as Il Guercino, has not exactly been a household word. Until this year, that is, when the 400th anniversary of his birth has been celebrated in fine style, as it should be, considering the extraordinary number of his works in British collections. Most spectacular, the great show of more than 200 of his drawings at the British Museum (071-323 8525), which clearly demonstrates that he was one of the world's great draughtsman. The exhibition ends on Sunday.

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Not the end of story

Short fiction will go on, says **Philip Howard**

The short story has been dying ever since the death of Saki – or was it Kipling? I dare say the little literary form will survive the cancellation of Radio 4's *Morning Story* which was announced yesterday to ululations of outrage from its fans. *Morning Story* is the most important outlet for those soppy but satisfying sentimentals, some written by their own audience.

British newspapers and magazines publish less fiction (at any rate explicitly labelled fiction) than they used to. A generation ago, evening and morning newspapers regularly printed short stories. On the rare occasions when they do so these days, they go for the celebrity bylines, and never mind the quality. A story by the Pope or the Queen Mother, however footling, will find a publisher and be paid a handsome fee. For a short story by Mrs Housewife, *Morning Story* was the only hope, unless she (or he) was talented, pushy and lucky. In an age when everyone apparently burns to be a celebrity, or at any rate to appear on *Wogan*, the end of *Morning Story* is a grave loss for British literary wannabees. American broadcasting is more open to DIY trash.

We are not talking about Henry James. This is lowbrow pulp fiction of the air. H.E. Bates and Somerset Maugham were as high as *Morning Story* ever raised its brow. Nevertheless, I think that the BBC's short story editor was being imprudently snooty yesterday when he described his unsolicited manuscripts as "a slush pile of doily and allotment stories sent in by hopeful housewives". *Morning Story* apparently receives 120 unsolicited stories a week, only 40 per cent of which come from women, some of whom may be housewives. About six a year are deemed worthy to broadcast. I cannot believe that many of them feature allotments or doilies in a big way.

The figures sound about par for the course. Major publishers of fiction receive thousands of unsolicited manuscripts a year. If one is worth publishing at a venture, they reckon they are winning.

Writing is the only profession that everyone who is literate thinks that he or she can do. It is a constant source of amazement and irritation to publishers of all sorts how much abominable fiction and poetry is sent in on spec by readers, many of whom have evidently never even taken the trouble to read the organ in which they seek publication.

The idea that everybody has one book in her or him is a sentimental fallacy, but just occasionally there is gold in them thar slush piles. The most important and exciting work a publisher can do is to find an interesting new voice in the Babel of the banal and illiterate. A few years ago, Richard Cohen discovered one of our best literary novelists on a transatlantic flight, in one of those menacing conversations that start: "Oh, you're a publisher. How fascinating. It so happens that I have this manuscript . . ."

If you change anything on the BBC or a proper newspaper, you get more rotten eggs than roses. They usually come from people who did not read you with much attention in the first place. Why, I myself am not too happy about *Woman's Hour* starting at a new time in the morning, an hour when I can never listen to it. But then, I could never listen to it in the afternoons either. I think that the old English art form with a sting in the tail will somehow survive. And eager new writers will continue to erupt from the slush to find an outlet.

Put the West's dependable friends first

Security for Israel is the best start for peace, says **Conor Cruise O'Brien**

The phrase "The Middle East peace process" is misleading. There is no possibility in the present century of a comprehensive peace in the region embracing (among others) Iraq, Iran, Israelis and Palestinians. "The peace process" is not on; but a peace process has been in progress since Saddam's invasion of Kuwait, and is accelerating this month. The movements over hostages are part of this limited peace process.

America is leading this limited peace process. The regional partners are Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria, on one hand, and Israel on the other. Iran is an aspirant partner, hoping to pay its entry dues in the shape of released hostages. (As Syria entertains similar hopes about repairing its image in the West, early release of Western hostages is probable.) The Palestinians are excluded, amid copious expressions of concern for their interests, as is invariably the case when Arab states engage in serious negotiations.

The primary force impelling the limited peace process is the unique magnetic power of the United States now that the Soviet Union has (for the moment at least) ceased to be a world power. The memory of the spectacular victory of America and its mainly Western allies in the war for Kuwait consolidates America's Arab alliances and so helps the limited peace process.

Paradoxically, however, the limits of that victory also help this process. Saddam still lives and rules, master of a formidable armoury. Revenge upon his Arab enemies will be high among his priorities if he can consolidate his power in Iraq as the Western presence in the region diminishes. And Saddam – or any like-minded successor – poses a political as well as a military threat to the rulers of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and (to a lesser extent) Syria. Saddam is a hero to millions of the Arab young, and especially to every discontented subject of his Arab enemies, who can readily be depicted as traitors both to the Arab nation and to Islam itself. The Alawi rulers of Syria may not worry too much about that, but the orthodox rulers of Egypt and – especially – Saudi Arabia are more vulnerable.

Saddam's continued rule has a double effect in speeding on the limited peace process. Obviously, it encourages the Arab allies to cling to the United States. Less obviously, it encourages them to reconsider their relations with Israel. Israel is a permanent factor in the region and has a vital interest, shared by the Arab allies, in not permitting Iraq to become the regional hegemonic power. This convergence of interests greatly fortifies the tendency to propitiate America by reducing, and eventually ending, pressure on Israel.



James Baker with President Assad: does Syria hold the key?

The aftermath of the Gulf war sees Israel in a stronger international position than at any time since the interval between the six day war of 1967 and the beginning of the Yom Kippur war of 1973. Predictions made during the Gulf war that the West would put pressure on Israel after the conflict have not been fulfilled.

Only America could exert such pressure as might, even conceivably, shift the Israelis out of the occupied territories, but America is not about to exert any such pressure. There are domestic political reasons for this, and America's European allies have never been disposed to minimise them. But there are also reasons of international policy, which the European allies, wrongly, are disposed to minimise.

Israel is the only country in the region which is a fully reliable ally of the United States and the West. Recently this truth was obscured, because Israel was required to demonstrate its reliability as an ally by staying out of the Gulf war, even refraining from defending itself against missile attack. But in the aftermath of the war, the need to keep Israel as a major and stable ally in the region stands out. The Israelis have strong ties with the United States. The other regional allies are not peoples but regimes, which may be swept away in a moment. This happened to both the Hashemite regime in Iraq in 1958, the Shah's regime in Iran twenty years later. Both were central pillars of Western policy in the region in their day. The regimes in Egypt and Saudi Arabia and – less probably – in Syria could be replaced by hostile ones at any time. Israel alone is a thoroughly dependable ally, if an awkward one. And the Pentagon, which does not have to stand for re-election, is even more aware of this than the White House.

Nominally, the Middle Eastern efforts of the secretary of state James Baker are advancing on two tracks: one with the Arab states and Israel, the other with Israel and the Palestinians. Actually, only the first track is open to traffic. During the Gulf war, the PLO managed to alienate both America and its Arab allies, but representative Palestinian negotiators not approved by the PLO will not be forthcoming. So that track is blocked. But progress is being made along the other one.

Specifically, a peace treaty between Syria and Israel – always a strong theortical possibility – is now entering the domain of practical politis. President Assad has signified is willingness to negotiate diretly with Israel. And in an important interview in last Sunday's *Observer*, The Israeli minister for justice, Dan Meridor, talked about "a peace treaty" with Syia and refrained from insisting on sovereignty over the Golan heights. A peace treaty with Syri (a term which now includes Lebanon) would leave Israel at pace with all the neighbouring Arb states, giving it much greater protection against fedayeen attacks.After that, the demand for autnomy for the Arab inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza cold be pursued in conditions of reat security, which should leado more realistic negotiations.

A peace treaty etween Israel and Syria canno be speedily agreed, but it shoul be attainable in the present decde. I suspect that Mr Baker, wo is an ambitious man, has 196 in mind, as the year by whic his labours must come to fruitio in the only realistic manner: though peace between Israel and Syria.

A union marching to oblivion

Bernard Levin does not subscribe to the hope that the NUJ can be revived



Writers' block: neither Trotskyites nor their opponents can stem the flow of cash and membe

Journalists, and by no means only those whose beat is industrial relations, are very frequently found discussing in print the lamentable condition in which so many trades unions find themselves. Abandon your ancient ways, we loftily cry, for they hold back both you and your employers; adopt instead practices that will profit them and you alike, not to say us. Look at Eric Hammond, we say (I do, anyway); his members truly do benefit from the way their union is run, particularly because they were thrown out of the TUC some years ago. On the other hand, what about poor old Ron Todd? On goes our condescending smile; decent chap, of course, honest as the day is long, but doesn't know his arse from his elbow. As for that railwaymen's leader – you know, the one with the Scots accent so impenetrable that philologists have concluded that he is talking Aztec – I have heard tell that he was once found trying to drive the Flying Scotsman through the Blackwall Tunnel. In short, we say to them: come on out of the 19th century and settle down where you belong – in the 16th.

Physician, heal thyself. For almost as long as I can recall, the National Union of Journalists – I have been a member for more than 30 years – has been a ludicrous shambles, incapable of properly serving its members, incapable of ordering its finances, incapable of addressing subjects of real concern to journalists, incapable of discovering how many members it has, incapable of explaining why the annual subscription is the highest in the TUC and *a fortiori* what the members are supposed to get for their £165 a year, incapable of producing a newspaper members want to read (or even with a physical appearance better than a five-year-old's attempts with a John Bull printing set), above all, incapable of understanding why it is incapable of being a union of any use to journalists or for that matter anybody else.

Now don't you dare, dear colleagues and fellow-sufferers, murmur that Levin can dish it out, but if he had taken an active part in our union's affairs he and the others who complain might have made it otherwise. I plead Not Guilty – nay, I plead Tremendously Innocent. Years and years ago, I went to a meeting of my branch, and I was appalled: there were not many more than a dozen members present (out of several hundred), and as far as I could see most of them were mad Trotskyites – at any rate the agenda seemed to consist of motions insisting that the government should immediately drop nuclear bombs on Washington DC. I then and there decided to get stuck in and cleanse the Augean Stables. Oh, woe: those Stables were very Augean indeed.

On my second monthly meeting, I found a kindred spirit; when we could stand it no longer we went round to the pub and plotted. Both of us knew members of the branch who naturally never went to the meetings; we harried the backsliders until we had a solid nucleus, then we built on it until we had enough members to swamp the mad Trotskyites and no less mad communists. Gradually, we recruited more and more Trojan Horses, and when the annual elections came round, we routed the enemy.

For four years – *four* – and I was no chicken even then, I kept it up, rallying the lazy, filibustering for hours on end, deploying our troops in strategic positions (I seem to recall making Virginia Ironside complaints officer – no wonder she became a leading advice columnist – and for some reason we had a clutch of very distinguished music critics in our ranks). But you can guess the outcome. Gradually our army thinned out; they had better things to do of an evening (so did I, I can tell you), and eventually the Trotskyites got back the control we had wrested from them. I threw in my hand, and from that day forth I have never done anything about the NUJ except pay my exorbitant annual fee and throw *The Journalist* into the wastepaper basket.

Why then do I tear the bandage off the wound today? Because the NUJ is rapidly falling apart, I am happy to say, and will be lucky to survive to the end of the year. Mad Trotskyites still abound, and have helped bring it to the edge of ruin; mind you, they have had ample assistance from their ideological enemies, who with a mighty effort managed to be quite as hopeless as the Trots. A year or two ago, tens of thousands of pounds of the union's money went missing in suspicious circumstances. Well, there are wrong'uns in every trade; but the other half of the story was enchanting. More thousands of pounds vanished, but in this disaster there were no suspicious circumstances: plain boneheaded incompetence had simply lost it.

Now the curtain is about to fall. The most recently elected general secretary, Steve Turner, won by a landslide; unfortunately, he was implacably anti-Trot, and the Trots determined to get him. The harassments, difficulties, character-assassination and general swinery he had to put up with would have destroyed a rhinoceros, but he went merrily on, until one day, at a meeting of the executive, a combination of Trots and dissentients (he had put some reasonable backs up) found that they had a majority of one and, with straight faces, sacked him for "flouting union policy". (Union policy was what the Trots said it was: it had earlier included a message of sympathy to Colonel Gadaffi and of course a denunciation of the war against another hero, Saddam Hussein.)

The NUJ is to all intents broke. Its debts amount to something between £1 million and £1.5 million, and its overdraft is not much short of £1 million. It is run so incompetently that recently, when there was a postal election for one of the union's offices, some members received two ballot papers (I got *three*), and the election had to be re-run at a cost of thousands of pounds the union doesn't have. The annual conference is nothing but a battle between the Trots and the rest, and in any case the union cannot afford to hold it, though when a proposal to make it biennialwas mooted, the Trots fought ofhe union's only salvation.

Steve Turner, claiming unir dismissal, is going to court, bi if the case can be dragged out lg enough, the NUJ will, I trust,o out of business before it is ov. There have been appeals r funds to help Turner with his li. gation, but I shall not l contributing, though I admire h tenacity. The truth is that nothin can save the NUJ, and the onl sensible thing members of it ca do is to wait until it collapses fumigate the premises and stan all over again, this time with a constitution that would make it impossible for the Trots and other lunatics to exercise such influence over the body as they do now. (Actors' Equity has a structure that might be studied with profit.) As for me, the scenario I have offered will not affect me one way or the other, because when I finish these thoughts my next action will be t write to the NUJ and give notic that I am resigning forthwith an permanently. No doubt they wil lose the letter, and for years go o dunning me for my subscription

...and moreover

Craig Brown

Many is the vow made between father and child. When the Scots father of the dandy Bunny Roger first realised that his son was not turning out quite as masculine as he had once hoped (a realisation perhaps prompted by Roger's habit of sitting in the back of a chauffeur-driven car with his brother, two fur rugs covering their knees, both embroidered "Hers"), he called him to one side and said, "I don't mind what you get up to in later life, but you must promise me this: never, never, *never* pee sitting down."

As each child enters the world, parental vows aplenty are uttered, all of them destined to be broken, slyly or cackhandedly, during the succeeding years. About six months ago, I found myself speaking the words, "Because I say so" to my 2½-year-old daughter. It has long been the phrase I find most repellent when uttered by others – meaningless, dictatorial, unfair – yet now it passes my lips with great ease roughly twice a day.

But over one thing I have stood firm. Competitive conversations between parents about their children, for so long the target of comedians, cartoonists, playwrights and novelists, are so obviously ludicrous that no reasonable parent would ever wish to participate in them.

At a holiday houseparty the other week, I was the first up. Bleary-eyed, I was dutifully spooning breakfast onto the cheeks, hands, chest and forehead of my nine-month-old son when a woman who had arrived only the night before trotted in with her own little baby and a bag of exotic fruits and vegetables. "Goodness!" she said, "Is that what you feed him for breakfast? Packet food! I suppose one day I'll be driven to that too! Do you mind if I have a look at the packet? What flavour is it?"

While she continued to unpack her exotic fruit and vegetables and, unpeeling them, began to place them daintily into a food-mixer, I struggled to find any flavour mentioned on the packet. Certainly, the food itself ("Just add liquid") betrayed no evidence of a flavour, unless Murky Grey can be considered a flavour, and the packet turned out to be no help at all. It was called "Gerber Mix Cereal for Baby (Babies Are Our Business)" and merely promised that it was "Iron and Vitamin fortified" with a "NEW pour spout". It would be "Better", it went on to say, if used by Feb 93.

As it became increasingly obvious that no hint of a flavour was given, the spritely woman asked me whether my son would care to join her daughter in a fruit and vegetable puree ("It's all organic").

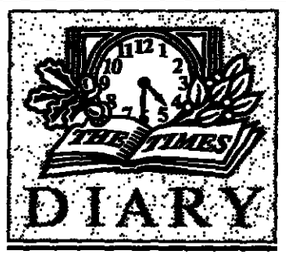
"Actually," I said, as another spoonful of grey found its way with consummate tidiness into my son's ear, "I think he's rather enjoying this, thank you." Competition, held at arm's length for so long, had now been joined.

As the day went on, and more and more children began to descend, new openings for parental competition clambered into view. Even the simplest sentence, such as "I wish our children were as quiet as yours" can be interpreted as a grievous insult, demanding the reply, "They're very gregarious with children they like." Only mothers with tiny babies seem to be excluded from the fray, for they are so completely absorbed by their own offspring that their conversations, or rather twinned monologues, go like this: "Rose is a very good sleeper", "Yes, Holly's a very good sleeper", "Yes, but Rose gets up quite early", "Yes, Holly gets up early, but then she likes her food", "Yes, Rose likes her food . . ." and so on.

After a few days, I was feeling the competitive instinct on every front. Who was allowed to watch the fewest videos? Which parents read most to their child? Which child said, "Please *may* I get down?" Which parents taught their children arts and crafts, and whose arts and crafts were the artiest and the craftiest? We seemed to be the outright losers on every front. "It's marvellous that you can be so laid-back with your children," said one of the other mothers.

Things came to a head at the swimming-pool. Our daughter's cousins, Grace, aged two, and Florence, aged four, were both swimming around in arm-bands, while our daughter was cowering by the side. "Why won't she swim like Grace?" I asked my wife, who had remained above the fray. "Grace is younger," she replied. "So why won't she swim like Florence?" I demanded. "Florence is older," she replied.

Back in the frame



ONE OF the best kept secrets of the art world has just been unveiled at Berlin's National Gallery: a collection of 28 French 19th-century paintings by masters such as Gauguin, Monet, Seurat, Renoir and Delacroix. The pictures, which were looted from Paris by a German officer during the second world war, have been hidden in the gallery basement for the last 19 years.

Now, in the post-wall era, the gallery has decided to display the paintings in the hope that the owner or owners can be traced. Wolfgang Kahlcke, of the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation, says: "The gallery has had protracted negotiations with the French government and French museums since the mid-1980s to try to find the owner, but has had no luck. The government kept almost everything top secret."

According to Kahlcke, the pictures were given to the museum by a prelate named Solbach in 1972, who had been given them by a former German soldier in Magdeburg. As a man in religious orders, he abided by the vow of secrecy, and refused to reveal how the soldier acquired the collection. But it is thought that a mysterious German officer stole the pictures from a wealthy Jewish family in Paris, entrusted the collection to his sergeant during the war for safe-keeping in Magdeburg, but never returned to claim his booty.

The collection includes watercolours and drawings as well as oils. "The best picture is a Gauguin seascape, resembling the white cliffs of Dover," says Kahlcke. "The pictures are an exciting discovery, but the gallery has deliberately played it down. It does not want too much fuss. The staff were sworn to secrecy."

Sir Denis Mahon, an art historian and former trustee of the National Gallery in London, says: "It is wonderful to know that they have been revealed at last. Many other works which disappeared from war-torn France have never been found."

● *With Mrs Thatcher safely out of the way, Edward Heath is returning to the Tory party conference fringe speaking circuit for the first time in more than twenty years. Heath, who will deliver the annual Macmillan lecture, was astonished by the invitation, for it came from the Young Conservatives, who are usually among Mrs Thatcher's most passionate supporters.*

Faith in the child

SIR YEHUDI MENUHIN is lending his name to a gala concert for Romanian children as a way of repaying his debt to the man who taught him music. The violinist says he owes much of his success to George Enescu, the composer and violinist who started coaching Menuhin at the age of seven. By the time Menuhin was 11, Enescu (who died in 1955) had described him as a genius.

Only Romanian musicians will perform in the concert at the Barbican on Tuesday, September 3. Proceeds will go to three children's hospitals in Bucharest and to support other community projects. Menuhin has agreed to be patron of the gala, which will feature works by Puccini, Schubert and Verdi. Liz Davies, for the organisers, Romania Project UK, says: "We approached Sir Yehudi because of his Romanian connections. He did not hesitate."

Negligible handicap

AS A curtain raiser to the Ryder Cup, the first transatlantic golf tournament for blind players is being staged at Wentworth next month. Leading golfers, politicians and showbusiness personalities are supporting the two-day tournament which starts on Sunday, September 15.

The Royal National Institute for the Blind is organising the tournament, only days before the Ryder Cup, as a prelude to its Rainbow Week at the end of September, a series of events to raise funds, and awareness of the needs of Britain's million blind people. The Duke of York will present the Rainbow Trophy to the winning British or American team.



GED

Sir Denis Thatcher and the captain of the European Ryder Cup team, Bernard Gallacher, have agreed to take part in a match against the blind players. Nick Faldo, Sandy Lyle and Ronan Rafferty will also be present. Virgin Atlantic is flying the American team over at its own expense.

The blind players will be accompanied by guides to direct them to the flags. The Earl of Stockton, chairman of the organisers, says: "For these players, the only handicap is the one on the scorecard."

From down under

THE mother of all battles has broken out among Scotland's worms. In the red corner is the menacing sounding *Artoposthia triangulata*, more commonly known as the New Zealand flatworm, an unwelcome invader from the Antipodes. In the blue corner is the common or garden earthworm, which is losing the fight.

The Biological Recording in Scotland Campaign is asking people to report sightings of the smooth, flat worm, which has a purple-brown upper surface and hides under garden pots. It arrived from New Zealand by mistake, hidden among imported plants in the mid-1960s, and gobbles up native earthworms. "We advise people to kill the worms," says Jeni Frew, of the campaign. "We are trying to find out how New Zealanders deal with them." Speed is of the essence. The killer has not yet burrowed its way south of the border, but the worm may turn.

● *A National Civil Rights Museum opens in Memphis later this month in the rebuilt shell of the motel where Martin Luther King was assassinated. Many Americans would prefer to forget that chapter of their history, but Judge D'Army Bailey, the museum board chairman, is not one of them. Recalling street battles with the police, he was quoted as saying: "As well as sirens and barking dogs, I want the whiff of tear gas." He was overruled on that, but he does have a laser-beam to trace the route of the bullet that killed King. It could only happen in America.*

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WHERE BARTER MUST STOP

The glare of publicity surrounding the efforts of the UN secretary-general, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, to secure the release of hostages in the Middle East has already had its impact on the rule of law. Talk of a "global deal" has given international recognition to Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad, whose kidnapping of civilians has conferred pariah status on the governments that finance and protect them. John McCarthy was their "envoy" to the United Nations. The letter he bore is being treated by the "international community" as an historic document and a basis for negotiation.

In pursuit of his objective, the secretary-general is walking a fine line between humanitarianism and what is morally and legally unacceptable. To free the hostages, he has to treat their captors as *de facto* parties in negotiations. That will give heart to ETA in Spain, the resurgent Red Brigades in Italy and the IRA. This must damage the UN as broker and the security of the countries whose citizens Hezbollah's hostages are. But in the search for peace, such compromises must sometimes be made. Far graver would be the damage were he or any government to accept Islamic Jihad's equation between captives held outside the judicial process and criminals convicted after a fair trial.

Under pressure from Iran and Syria, whose national interests are now served by demonstrating that they want to live by international rules, the hostage-takers have been forced to consider surrendering their captives. Yet they are not doing so unconditionally. They demand the release of their "freedom fighters from prisons in occupied Palestine and Europe". They make no distinction between Sheikh Obeid, the Hezbollah cleric seized by Israeli commandos, the Lebanese and Palestinians detained in Israeli camps (some "hostages", some participants in local fighting), and prisoners judged under due process of law.

One man's freedom fighter may be another man's terrorist, but such moral relativism cannot be allowed to blur the distinction between lawful trial and illegal captivity. Western governments are clearly tempted to "close the book" on this wretched chapter and bring their citizens home, even if that means trading innocent civilians for violent criminals. The dilemma is particularly acute for the Germans, two of whose citizens were seized in Lebanon when Mohammed Hammadi, one of whose brothers is a senior Hezbollah official, was jailed for life for hijacking a TWA airliner and murdering an American serviceman.

Yet any government that accepts this equivalence will be conceding ground to people who have sought to widen the Middle Eastern conflict in a peculiarly horrendous way. It will be conceding that the independence of its judiciary is relative, not absolute and that *Realpolitik* will always open prison doors. It will be telling terror groups that, when an act of violence is required to secure publicity, the perpetrators can always be got back alive by a bit of careful hostage-taking.

Islamic Jihad still defends the taking of hostages as legitimate, "simple incidents" in their continuing Holy War. But even supposing that a "one-off" exchange would genuinely end all hostage-taking, and improve the prospects for a Middle East settlement into the bargain, the price would be too high. Hostage-taking is like hijacking in this respect: it deliberately violates law to score political points. Trading hostages for hijackers legitimises such violations.

Last September, President Bush presented his "new world order" as one "freer from the threat of terror, stronger in the pursuit of justice, and more secure in the quest for peace". To imagine that "peace" in the Middle East will also mean mutual trust between states would be naive, but coexistence of states within the rule of law is still a prize worth seeking. If there is any point in American mediation in the Arab-Israeli conflict, it is to import some degree of order to the Middle East. To give in to Islamic Jihad's demand to open Europe's jails would not be to bring order to the region, but to export its disorder to Europe.

When thousands of Western hostages were held by Iraq, Western governments rightly insisted that this would not alter their opposition to the invasion of Kuwait or affect their intention to reverse that invasion. If there is to be a breakthrough in Lebanon, that firmness must be maintained. If there is to be peace in the Middle East, its language must be that of international law.

A FAILED EXAMINATION

The nation heard its A-level results yesterday with mixed feelings. Pass rates, and the proportion of candidates awarded top grades, were slightly up on last year: 77.8 per cent and 11.9 per cent. But the fall continues in the total numbers sitting science subjects, with mathematics down by 6 per cent and physics and chemistry down by 4.3 per cent and 3.8 per cent respectively. This is a poor result, worse than the educational establishment will admit.

Throwing more money at science teaching will by itself change little. The decline in science will not be arrested until the fundamental flaws in the A-level system – above all excess specialisation – are put right. Then these examinations can become a proper measure of the educational attainment of the 16-18 age-group, and cease to be mere university entrance tests, swotting for which turns the nation's sixth forms into no more than prep schools for higher education.

No education is complete which allows 18-year-olds to progress to career or college having ceased to study the full range of school subjects at the age of 15 or 16, thereafter avoiding the whole of literature or the whole of science. Science is the primary conceptual language of the modern world. There should be nothing intellectually or socially chic about innumeracy. The cult of the absent-minded don, proud of his (or her) inability to understand a car or use a computer, is a deadly one.

Despite protests from all sides of education, the government has insisted on keeping A levels as they are, merely offering enhanced vocational training as a parallel to A levels. Though nobody quite says so, these courses invariably come with the implicit rubric "for the less gifted" or "less academic". In so far as vocational means technical, such belittling can only reinforce the second-class status of science and technology in the national culture. The urgent solution is a scheme such as that now backed by Labour, requiring every sixth-former to take five rather than three subjects of A-level type and insisting that two or three of them are sciences.

The fall in the sixth-form study of mathematics is a more basic disorder. Much advanced science requires mathematical literacy among other skills, so any fall-off in the study of mathematics is likely to lead to a fall in, say, physics. The subject is a rigorous mental discipline and gateway to many others. None the less pure maths, especially what schools call "modern maths", is not part of the everyday culture in the way science is more generally.

But unlike its pure sister, applied mathematics is more than the manipulation of abstracts: it is essential to advanced engineering and technology. The snobbish myth about these subjects is that they are "practical", for those good with their hands rather than their brains. Yet they are intensely theoretical and most of the theory derives from advanced mathematics. A six per cent fall in those taking A-level mathematics, if maintained a few more years, would undermine the technological competitiveness of British industry more radically and irreversibly than any economic recession.

Unless they come naturally, the sciences demand hard mental application. Offered an excuse to drop them from 16 onwards, not surprisingly many students do so, especially if they know there is no academic penalty. Other students, capable of mastering a science, are loath to continue with it if that means missing an education in literature or history. This compartmental division between science and the arts at 16 is one of the chief mischiefs perpetuated by those who teach in the English A-level system, in collusion with those who set university entrance requirements. The 1991 A-level results merely confirm their stranglehold.

PRICE OF EVERYTHING

Are there no depths of humility to which a service provider will not sink to satisfy its customers? After John Major's citizen's charter and the Inland Revenue's promise to be courteous and efficient come Cardiff City's performance-related prices. Supporters of the fourth division soccer club will have to pay only £3 a match if the team is below seventh place in the division, rising to £4 for fourth to seventh place, and £5 if it lies first, second or third. This could catch on.

Politicians are forever extolling the merits of performance-related pay, especially for their public-sector colleagues such as civil servants, teachers and policemen. Would performance pay work in the House of Commons itself? Ministers would dive under the dispatch box at the prospect of MPs being judged by the number of questions they put down, and debates never end if backbenchers were paid in proportion to their verbiage. But constituents would be gratified if MPs' earnings could be adjusted by the amount of casework they solved, and a contingency-fee basis for pursuing housing benefit claims might be mutually profitable.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer runs an inbuilt pay-for-what-you-get system. If the government is running the economy well, incomes and profits grow, and tax receipts the revenue most, tax bills fall. It is a virtuous circle for the taxpayer, if not for the Treasury. But this is still some way from announcing that if the nation worked hard, income tax next year would be 2p lower.

Farmers are already being paid to prettify the countryside, and rail passengers will soon win a refund if their train is late. So why not let theatre audiences join a pay-as-you-enjoy scheme? Critics could give productions marks out of ten, and the average would determine the price. Producers of bad shows need not complain; their theatres would be filled with a penny-pinching audience drawn in by cheap seats.

Yesterday Alan Coren wrote of a restaurant that took this principle to its democratic extreme. Customers were not given a bill, but were asked to pay what they thought their dinner was worth. This opens up a whole new world in which, instead of having life costed for us, we put a value on everything we buy. Mr Coren ended up paying more than he might otherwise have done. If *Times* readers were allowed to pay what they thought represented good value each day, how much more would they offer than the 40p cover price? But before life becomes one great auction, better to let Cardiff try its experiment first – for the club

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Firepower for an overstretched army

From General Sir Martin Farndale

Sir, Your leader on August 10 argues the need for more firepower rather than manpower in the army of the future. It makes many useful points but others must be considered.

First, we have been reducing manpower for many years – until recently against an increasing threat. Yet at the same time we have also been cutting back on our equipment programme, reducing unit strengths, ammunition and spare-parts stocks. Thus we had to rob the rest of the army to create a force of only two brigades for the Gulf. Today's army is already very small because of these reductions and is already experiencing overstretch in meeting its commitments.

Second, modern combat is "hi-tech", fast-moving and devastating. It demands a great deal of individual and collective training, which has to be increased if the new formations are to be ready to react rapidly. This imposes a limit on the employment of reserves in full combat roles.

There are of course vital roles for the reserve forces. They provide depth to the army and an all-important general reserve. Most operations are still likely to fall into the mid/low intensity level and, paradoxically, these are both "hi-tech" and manpower-intensive. To meet and train for both these groups of tasks, plus the unexpected, runs the risk of severe overstretch again.

Third, after the cuts of 1960, 1967 and 1977 we were told we were not to worry because, having been made smaller, we would be made better. The tanks, guns, helicopters and most of the items in today's defence programme are there to make us better as a result of the 1977 cuts and cannot be claimed as improvements against those of the future.

For this we need a new programme of modern surveillance, command-and-control, electronic and information-technology equipment, together with further improvements in firepower and mobility. Such a programme will have to be the greater to compensate for the smallness of tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,
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August 14.

'Renewable scepticism'

From Mr Robert Forrest and others

Sir, We were surprised by the omission from your leading article of August 6, "Renewable scepticism", of any reference to a report commissioned by the European Commission (and published in Belgium but not yet in the UK) in which experts from the Energy Technology Support Unit at Harwell state their view that Britain could generate half its electricity from non-polluting natural sources by 1996. Instead, your leader-writer believes that renewables "make a useful though utterly marginal contribution to total energy needs".

Two further points. We, too, would like to see implementation of the carbon tax advocated by Mr Matthew Taylor, MP, in his letter of August 12. Renewables such as wind and sunlight produce less than 1 per cent of the CO_2 output per unit of electricity generated compared to a conventional coal-fired station; they should not be seen as opposing energy efficiency and taxes but rather as complementing them by meeting the reduced levels of demand in a clean and sustainable manner.

Secondly, your description of solar power as "still struggling to make the leap from a house-roof gimmick to larger-scale applications" accords ill with the University of Strathclyde's passive solar residences, currently housing nearly 400 students: hardly a small roof-top application.

Yours sincerely,
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From Dr A. D. Garrad

Sir, Your leading article suggests that there is a choice between making more economical use of energy and using cleaner sources to generate electricity. Environmental problems are now so acute that the solution must combine both approaches: we should be making economical use of clean energy. Wind farms are part of the answer.

The Dutch energy plan, which incorporates wind farms, has acknowledged this fact and the Dutch utilities have demonstrated that, in order to meet their CO_2 goal, they must combine renewable sources of energy with energy saving. The same argument will apply to all indus-trialised nations.

Modern wind farms are achieving reliability better than most conventional power stations and they already contribute 2.5 per cent of Denmark's electricity needs. Wind energy is no panacea to our electricity needs but it is part of the answer. It is to be hoped that Mr Moynihan's review of renewables (report, August 6) will provide a framework within which wind energy can realise its full potential.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr J. J. McCormack

Sir, Renewable energies, which are infinite and can assist in reducing the depletion of finite fossil fuel resources, can contribute significantly to energy demands without grotesque distortions to regional landscape or visual invasion. The barrage of La Rance at St Malo, for instance, is regularly and reliably providing tidal power to the French grid; it is also an attraction within a beautiful part of the French landscape.

When viewed over the proposed minimum station lives – 120 years for both the Severn and the Mersey – and in the light of the harmful atmospheric emissions avoided (in the case of the Mersey at least 1.6 million tonnes of CO_2, 16,000 tonnes of SO_2 and 4,600 tonnes of NOx (nitrogen oxide compounds)) power of this kind cannot be regarded as unduly expensive.

Yours sincerely,
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Relative values

From Mr William Gill

Sir, You say (leading article, August 14) that Prince Charles is right to stand out for the public's right to an opinion on the choice of architect for the new Museum of Scotland.

The public has no equivalent right on the choice of monarch (or prime minister, as in the present case). This is a very funny sense of relative values.

Yours faithfully,
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Premature birth

From Mrs Caroline Zoob

Sir, I do not wish to encourage legislative procrastination (your editorial, "New rackets for old", August 14); but before panic breaks out I thought I would point out that the European single market is in fact 16 months away and not four – the expected delivery time being mid-night December 31, 1992.

Yours faithfully,
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Song and dance

From Mr Brian V. West

Sir, I protest. Craig Brown (... and moreover, August 13) bemoans the dearth of our nostalgic regional songs compared with those of America.

In my opinion Britain holds up well with "Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doone", "Men of Harlech", "The Road to the Isles", the "Floral Dance", "Scotland the Brave", "I belong to Glasgow", "Devon, glorious Devon", "Widdicombe Fair", "I'm a Lassie from Lancashire" and many others (not to mention the one about the young lady longing for her return to Birmingham but finding herself in the foreign territory of Crewe).

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Berkshire.

Key to Pearl Harbor

From Mr J. P. Hanaghan

Sir, Admiral Yamamoto may or may not have been influenced by *The Great Pacific War* (I find this sudden breathlessness over a book published in 1925 rather curious) but Mr Rusbridger (August 8) is incorrect in his references to Tsushima and Taranto.

Tsushima was certainly fought on May 27, 1905 and resulted in the annihilation of the Russian fleet, but the surprise attack was at Port Arthur on February 8, 1904 and caused damage to three ships, all of which were later repaired.

At Taranto three Italian battleships were disabled, two being restored to service. This was a considerable achievement, but even allowing for the obsession with battleships still prevalent at the time it was a long way from sinking or damaging "most of the Italian fleet".

Yours faithfully,
J. P. HANAGHAN,
Wayside, Station Road,
Llanfairfechan,
Gwynedd.
August 9.

From Mr Douglas Salmon

Sir, Some years ago, while working as a television producer for the BBC in Norwich, I organised a contest asking viewers to write a song about their home town or village.

The response was overwhelming; more than 300 lyrics arrived within a week. Later the best were published in a booklet. One title I remember was "Goodnight East Dereham", but there were others extolling the virtues of such totally English places as Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Audley End and Wenden's Ambo. Even Southend and Clacton-on-Sea were not forgotten. Some lyrics were so witty they might have come from the pen of Noel Coward.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS SALMON,
79 Church Lane,
Eaton, Norwich, Norfolk.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number –

Principle and payment of poll tax

From Mr Martin Reid

Sir, You call the poll tax unfair. I detect other examples of unfairness in your leading article ("Can't pay, who'll pay?", August 9).

If "benefits have been uprated", it is surely unfair that they are not used for the purpose for which they were uprated. If people "insist on believing ... disingenuously that poll tax has been abolished", and so avoid payment, surely that is unfair. Likewise, with taking "a good chance of avoiding prosecution" because of "backlogs in the courts". Similarly, of councils "charging the conscientious as much as £70 ... to compensate for the shortfall".

The abandonment of principle (which you advocate) is a dangerous "principle" especially when it exculpates "the right people", as well as being unfair to the conscientious.

The only "unfairness" which has been charged against the poll tax is that the poor pay as much as the rich. They do the same for bread. And they even do the same for *The Times*. The end of that argument, however, would appear to be that those who can afford to pay more should pay more for everything.

Yours etc.,
MARTIN REID,
13 Rothes Park,
Leslie, Fife.
August 11.

From Councillor Nick Eriksen

Sir, In advocating abolition of the 20 per cent minimum contribution to the poll tax you write: "The people will not pay. The government must." Where, pray, is the government to obtain the money, if not from the people?

The truth is that local government must be paid for, and the money must come, in one way or another, from the public. As a Conservative councillor I believe that it is in the interests of local democracy and accountability that a reasonable proportion should be paid by the people who vote for – and benefit from – a council's spending.

Without the minimum 20 per cent payment there is nothing to stop Labour councils reverting to their old trick of spending lavishly on all those who do not pay at the expense of those who do. Given the fact that benefits were uprated to cover the payment of the poll tax, there can be no argument that people cannot afford to pay.

Collection of poll tax is a problem, but surely the solution in the case of those on benefits is either for the Department of Social Security to pay their contributions directly to the councils or simply to refuse to pay benefits to anyone who cannot demonstrate that they are up to date with their payments.

Yours,
N. ERIKSEN,
40 Hayles Buildings,
Elliott's Row, SE11.
August 11.

From Mrs Margaret C. Baker

Sir, If, by your leader, you meant "local people won't pay, national taxpayers should", then I agree with you. National taxes are better related to the means of citizens than even the revised local taxation system.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET C. BAKER,
4 Scotlands Drive,
Farnham Common,
Buckinghamshire.
August 9.

From the Director of the Child Poverty Action Group

Sir, Your leader recommends abolition of the minimum 20 per cent contribution to the poll tax.

You are right that for people on income support "benefits have been uprated broadly to allow for their share of the national average poll tax". However, taking account of the reduction in the benefit levels set in 1988 compared with the government's original plans, this is the first year that the compensation has roughly equalled the average 20 per cent contribution that claimants on income support have to pay. And this takes no account of the extra VAT imposed on everyone as a quid pro quo for this year's reduction in poll tax levels.

On our calculations, claimants are still losing out. And it costs more to collect the 20 per cent contribution than the sum it yields.

The government has already conceded the principle of 100 per cent rebates in its plans for the new council tax. We would add our voice to yours in calling for those on income support or equivalent income levels to be given 100 per cent poll tax rebates as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
FRAN BENNETT, Director,
Child Poverty Action Group,
4th floor, 1-5 Bath Street, EC1.
August 9.

British Library move

From Ms Etrenne Lymbery

Sir, Mr Brian Lang, chief executive of the British Library (August 12), sidesteps the issues which concern the hundreds who back the Regular Readers' Group in their campaign to retain the Bloomsbury reading rooms.

While we would support the use of a new technology that created a more efficient library service, we are appalled at a prospect of reliance on a system that is, apparently, not only inadequate and faulty but also without a satisfactory back-up. Library readers are not alone in knowing that failed technology is infinitely worse than no technology at all.

Are we really to believe that an extra 73 seats will be sufficient to meet the increase in readers that will be brought about by lowering the entrance age limit to the humanities and social sciences collections by three years and the "million visitors a year by 1996" which the library proudly predicts in the first edition (summer 1991) of its new *Bloomsbury Newsletter*?

We repeat our urgent request: let us have an immediate review by the minister for the arts on all aspects of the future of the British Library.

Yours faithfully,
ETRENNE LYMBERY (Member,
Regular Readers' Group),
46 Great Russell Street, WC1.
August 12.

Women conductors

From Mr Richard B. Havelock

Sir, In his interesting article about Jane Glover (August 7), Richard Morrison, in implying that Hazel Vivienne and Iona Brown were the first women to direct a professional British orchestra, seems to forget that champion of English music, Kathleen Riddick (1907-1973), founder of the Riddick String Orchestra in 1938.

In an even earlier era, Dame Ethel Smythe (1858-1944), redoubtable composer, conductor and suffragette, conducted with a toothbrush her own composition, "March of the Women", whilst incarcerated in Holloway prison in 1911, though the performers on that occasion may not have been professional.

It is often forgotten today that "women's lib" goes back at least to the "new women" of the turn of the century.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD B. HAVELOCK,
35 Highmoor Road,
Caversham Heights,
Reading, Berkshire.
August 9.

Single-sex education

From Mr Charles Blackwell

Sir, The headmaster of Malvern College must be taken to task for his sweeping statement that: "The future of the independent sector lies in educating boys and girls together ..." (Noticeboard, Education, August 12).

As he well knows, the future of the independent sector lies in its capacity to supply an excellent education. Whether this is best achieved in a single-sex or co-educational environment is, of course, ultimately for the customer to decide.

My customers want single-sex education.

Yours faithfully,
C. E. R. BLACKWELL
(Principal elect),
Sibton Park Preparatory
School for Girls,
Lyminge,
Nr Folkestone, Kent.

Medical lecturers' pay

From the Dean of St George's Hospital Medical School

Sir, Clinical academics bring to our health service invaluable and sometimes unique innovation, the sparkle of teaching and the stimulus of research (letters, August 5 and 8). Their success brings prestige to individuals, their institutions and British medicine as a whole.

In turn this facilitates recruitment of the best staff to the health service in this country. Is it not just to maintain parity of their salary with that of their NHS colleagues?

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM ASSCHER, Dean,
St George's Hospital
Medical School,
Cranmer Terrace, SW17.

Media and McCarthy

From Sir Brian Young

Sir, I have a difficulty with the enormous media coverage of John McCarthy's release. However strong our curiosity and our feeling for a sufferer, and however much the media want to respond to these, are we not inviting bad men to do further bad deeds by indicating that the ending of one such deed merits blanket coverage by broadcasters and editors?

Yours truly,
BRIAN YOUNG,
Hill End, Woodhill Avenue,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Making a joyful noise

From Dr P. W. M. Copeman

Sir, Retail stores during their summer sales echo with popular music and self-commending slogans to beguile us into fulfilling their commercial mission.

Would it further the message of our churches and cathedrals during this Decade of Evangelism, whilst we holidaymakers trip round them, if they renounced the silence of eternity and extolled themselves by promulgating through their loudspeaker systems their own recordings of music and words, as do mosques?

Appropriate cadences bouncing off the sacred masonry might harmonise our mood and thus stir up our fervour to charge their offertory coffers and spark our souls to become tuned with realms above mere sightseeing.

Yours faithfully,
PETER COPEMAN,
The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1.
August 13.

COURT CIRCULAR

HMY BRITANNIA
August 14: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by His Excellency the Right Hon Ramon Hnatyshyn (Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada), at the Memorial Service for the Right Hon Roland Michener (formerly Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada) which was held in Christchurch Cathedral, Ottawa, Canada.

The Duke and Duchess of York were represented by the Right Hon Antonio Lamer (Chief Justice of Canada) at the Memorial Service for the Right Roland Michener (formerly Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada) which was held in Christchurch Cathedral, Ottawa, Canada.

KENSINGTON PALACE
August 14: The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by the Right Hon Edward Schreyer at the Memorial Service for the Right Hon Roland Michener (formerly Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada) which was held in Christchurch Cathedral, Ottawa, Canada.

The Princess Royal celebrates her birthday today.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.H. Brand
and Miss S.M. Goodall
The engagement is announced between Giles Harvey, only son of Mrs John Rymer, of Southburn, Driffield, East Yorkshire, and the late Mr Christopher Brand, and Suzanne Marion, elder daughter of Mr Melvyn Goodall, of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and Mrs Marion Goodall, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

Mr J.E.J. Collins
and Miss G. White
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs J.P. Collins, of Elizabeth Gardens, Sunbury-on-Thames, and Georgina, daughter of Mrs R.B. White, of 2 Micklea Farm, Longsdon.

Mr N.J. Ford
and Miss C.N. Prince
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Sir Geoffrey and Lady Ford, of Normandy, Surrey, and Carolyn, elder daughter of Mr M.E.G. Prince, of Oxshott, Surrey, and Mrs Lore Prince, of Spain.

Mr P.G. Geiger
and Miss F.J. Roddan
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Geiger, of Wembley, Middlesex, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Roddan, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Captain C.P. Goodall
and Miss C.R. Reece
The engagement is announced between Captain Charles Goodall, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, second son of Mr and Mrs James Goodall, of Glazeley, Shropshire, and Kate, second daughter of Dr and Mrs Murray Reece, of Churt, Surrey.

Mr B. Hazar
and Miss K. Anderson
The engagement is announced between Karen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Anderson, Oxnam, Jedburgh, and Bora, only son of Mrs Oya Hazar and the late Mr Suat Hazar, Istanbul, Turkey.

Mr T.R. Hockaday
and Miss P. MacAndrew
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Dr and Mrs T.D.R. Hockaday, of Oxford, and Polly, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M.H. MacAndrew, of Dorking, Surrey.

Captain S.R. Jones
and Miss J.S. Thurnham
The engagement is announced between Captain Simon Jones, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs T.J. Jones, of Clarence Cottage, Matlock Bath, Derbyshire, and Joanna, daughter of Peter Thurnham, MP, and Mrs Thurnham, of Hollin Hall, Crook, Kendal.

Mr N.R.J. MacKenzie
and Miss K.M. Lomax
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of the late Mr A.J. MacKenzie and of Mrs M.A.L. MacKenzie, of Attleborough, Norfolk, and Kate, daughter of the late Mr M.R.C. Lomax and of Mrs P. Lomax, of Sheen, London.

Mr A.E. Phillips
and Miss A.J. Gee
The engagement is announced between Ashley Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brian Phillips, of Brussels, and Alexia Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs William Gee, of Lower Yatton, Kingsland, Herefordshire.

Mr M.J.L. Sales
and Miss M.L. Skinner
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs J.E.L. Sales, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Mikaela, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.P. Skinner, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr R.J.M. Taylor
and Miss G.S. Dangerfield
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Taylor, of Betchworth, Surrey, and Georgina, daughter of Major and Mrs Michael Dangerfield, of Alton Pancras, Dorset.

Mr A.R.J. Thwaites
and Miss J.M. Rowe
The engagement is announced between Adrian Richard John, son of Mr and Mrs R.P. Thwaites, of Barford, Warwickshire, and Jane Marianne, daughter of Mr P. Rowe, of London, and the late Mrs M. Rowe.

Herr Johannes von Stumm
and Miss C.E. Wroughton
The engagement is announced between Johannes, younger son of the late Herr and Frau Nikolaus von Stumm, of Munich, Germany, and Carolyn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Wroughton, of Woolley Park, Wantage.

Mr R.C. Windebank
and Miss C.M. Twycross
The engagement is announced between Robert Colin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Harold Windebank, of Parkstone, Dorset, and Christine Mary, eldest daughter of the late Mr Harry Twycross and of Mrs Katherine Twycross, of Sandton, South Africa.

Marriages

Mr D.M. Morris
and Mrs C.S. Cornish
The marriage took place on August 14, 1991, in Hampshire, between Mr David Morris, of Tollard Royal, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Mrs Sue Cornish, of Whitsbury, Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Mr J.P. Waterfield
and Dr Tilla H. Vahanian
The marriage took place on August 2, at the Congregational Meeting House, West Cornwall, Connecticut, between Mr John P. Waterfield and Dr Tilla Hevesi Vahanian.

Birthdays today

Mr Robert Bolt, playwright, 67; Sir Charles Carter, former vice-chancellor, Lancaster University, 72; Mr David Coleman, president, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 52; Mr Edmund Dell, former MP, 70; Dr Hans Feibusch, mural painter, 93; Mr James Flecker, headmaster, Ardingly College, 52; Dame Wendy Hiller, actress, 79; Miss Rita Hunter, soprano, 58; Lord Ingrow, Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, 74; the Hon Hugh Lawson, director-general, King George's Fund for Sailors, 60; Mr Jack Lynch, former Prime Minister, Republic of Ireland, 74; Sir Patrick Nairne, former master, St Catherine's College, Oxford, 70.

Sir Kenneth Newman, former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, 65; Major-General Kenneth Perkins, 65; Mr Oscar Peterson, jazz pianist, 66; Mr Justice Popplewell, 64; Professor Sir Leon Radzinowicz, criminologist, 85; Lady Jean Rankin, former Woman of the Bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 86; Viscount Selby, 49; Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Severne, former Captain of The Queen's Flight, 66; Captain Richard Smyly, racehorse trainer, 38; Mr Justice Steyn, 59; the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, 45; Air Vice-Marshal Sir William Wratten, 52.

Church news

Scottish Episcopal Church
The Very Rev Brian Hardy has resigned as Rector, St Columba's by the Castle and Dean of Edinburgh on his appointment as Rector, All Saints, St Andrews (St Andrews Dunkeld and Dunblane).

The Rev Victor Irwin has resigned, as Rector, St Paul's, Airdrie with St Andrew's, Gartcosh (Glasgow and Galloway).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Blake, admiral, Bridgwater, Somerset, 1599; Jeremy Taylor, theologian, Cambridge, 1613; Napoleon Bonaparte, Ajaccio, Corsica, 1769; Sir Walter Scott, Edinburgh, 1771; Thomas de Quincy, Manchester, 1785; Walter Crane, illustrator, Liverpool, 1845; James Keir Hardie, chairman of the Independent Labour Party 1893-1900, 1913-14, Lanark, 1856; Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, composer, London, 1875; Sir Peter Buck, Maori politician, Urenui, New Zealand, 1880; T. E. Lawrence, (Lawrence of Arabia), Tremadoc, 1888.

DEATHS: Macbeth, king of Scotland 1040-57, killed, Lumphanan, Aberdeen, 1057; Joseph Joachim, violinist and composer, Berlin, 1907; Paul Signac, painter, pioneer of pointillism, Paris, 1935; Rene Magritte, surrealist painter, Brussels, 1967.

VJ Day, celebrating the surrender of Japan, 1945.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr John Murray Chadwick, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Chancery Division.

Mr Charles Cann to be Deputy Secretary (countryside, marine environment and fisheries), Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, from July 23, in succession to Mr Brian Hilton.

Sir Hugh Campbell Byatt to be Chairman of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, Committee for Scotland, in succession to Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, who has relinquished the post after 20 years.

OBITUARIES

DOUGLAS TOVEY

Douglas Arnold Robert Tovey, property entrepreneur, has died at the age of 83. He was born on March 21, 1908.



SIR Charles Clore once sent Douglas Tovey to New York to buy him the biggest skyscraper he could find. Tovey obliged by purchasing Wall Street's tallest building – all 71 storeys and one million square feet. In the same year, 1960, he was commissioned by Clore's property firm City and Central to find £6 million to build London's Hilton Hotel. It had taken eight years to acquire the site and get planning permission. He raised the cash (from the Prudential) in less than 24 hours.

Property was Douglas Tovey's business and no one knew that business better than he did. Not only Clore but Sir Montague Burton and Lord Fraser relied on his knowledge and entrepreneurial skills. He was one of the instruments who forged the links as they built up their retail chains after the war. He would see the opportunity for a purchase, sell the idea to his powerful client, then raise the money needed for the deal. The technique he perfected was that of leaseback. An expert on London's soaring rental values, he would buy for his client a string of High Street shops, sell the freeholds (worth more than their business) then lease them back at five per cent a year.

A close friend of Hugh Fraser, he helped to engineer many House of Fraser acquisitions, including Derry and Toms, Barkers, D. H. Evans and Harrods. But his most fruitful relationship was with Clore. Tovey it was who put up to Clore in 1953 the idea of taking over the Sears Trueform Boot Company which included the Trueform and Freeman Hardy & Willis shoe shops – establishing Clore as a major figure in retailing. He was there again at Clore's side for future purchases, including Lilley & Skinner and Saxone; and brokered the "marriage" between the Clore and Jack Cotton property concerns – a scheme he had thought of while crossing the Atlantic.

Yet this ironmonger's son from Portishead, Somerset, started work as a £1-a-week clerk at Paddington station. A chorister at Wells cathedral, he left the cathedral school to join the Great Western Railway's survey office and became the assistant chief surveyor's right-hand man before leaving in 1938 for Greater London Properties. GLP had led the way in the development of suburban shopping parades and Tovey was put in charge of all shop letting. This brought him into contact with the West End estate agents Healey & Baker who, on the outbreak of war, recruited him. Although his brother, a fighter pilot, was killed in action Douglas himself was to spend the war as a civilian. He was occupied during the first two years with his new company leasing hundreds of small shops for Kemsley newspapers in which to shelter their reserves of newsprint from the Luftwaffe. But the market burgeoned during the last part of the war as businesses and speculators, scenting victory, began trying to accumulate new real estate. When peace came Tovey was invited to join the Healey & Baker partnership, building up his own portfolio of clients. Among these were Burton, Fraser and Charles Clore.

Tovey, known to colleagues as "Dart" (an acronym of his initials) acquired a reputation for forthrightness, especially in his letters, which he sometimes dictated at the rate of 100 a day. But his business style could also be spectacular. He would deal with Hugh Fraser at St Moritz or with Clore in the gaming rooms of Monte Carlo. There were meetings in Tel Aviv, Paris or Barbados and the fashionable bars at Ascot or the Derby.

He amassed a considerable fortune of his own, with a house in The Bishop's Avenue, Hampstead, and a 110-acre estate at Henley-on-Thames where he employed three gardeners full-time. He retired to the country, aged 60, in 1968, but continued to lunch at Claridge's once a week, transported in his huge chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce.

For a man who relied on his wits and business judgement, Douglas Tovey was surprisingly superstitious. His favourite talisman was a spotted dalmatian dog which accompanied him at all times. When one dog died another was swiftly procured.

He is survived by his wife Norah to whom he was happily married for more than 60 years.

ALI SABRI

Ali Sabri, former Egyptian prime minister and vice-president, died in Cairo on August 3 aged 70. He was born on August 30, 1920.



ALI Sabri's life reflected the turmoil of Arab nationalist politics in the current century. A member of the band of Free Officers that, under the leadership of Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, overthrew the Egyptian monarchy in 1952, he rose to the front rank of the country's political leadership, but lost the race to become Nasser's successor in 1970. Had he subsequently succeeded in his bid to topple President Anwar Sadat in the pro-Soviet military coup plot of 1971, the later course of Middle Eastern history could have been substantially altered.

Sabri was born of an upper-class family, the only member of the subsequent revolutionary regime in Egypt with such a background, and was educated at a Jesuit establishment and at the American College in Cairo. He graduated from the Military Staff College in 1939 and then entered the Egyptian Air Force, graduating from the Air Force College in 1940.

In 1952, whilst employed in military intelligence, he became a member of the nine-man "Free Officers' Committee" which, in a bloodless coup d'état, ousted King Farouk and instituted a republic. Under the new regime, he displayed an aptitude for politics and, once Nasser had achieved predominance, Sabri began a rapid rise in status. In 1957 he was appointed minister of state for presidential affairs, and in 1962 was promoted to be a member of the presidential council and chairman of its executive committee, a position equivalent to that of prime minister. In 1964 he was formally invested with that office.

In 1965, however, he resigned and became secretary-general of the Arab Socialist Union, the sole political party, while retaining the rank of vice-president; and in 1967, when Nasser himself took over the secretary-generalship of the Union, Ali Sabri became deputy prime minister and minister of state for administration and, later, resident minister for the Canal Zone. Early in 1968, he was reappointed secretary-general of the ASU, but in March, probably because his left-wing views were considered too extreme for the then state of Egyptian politics, he fell from favour and was dropped from the cabinet. Later in the same year he succeeded in retrieving his position and was re-elected to the higher executive of the ASU, even becoming secretary-general of its organisation committee. But in 1969, after paying a visit to Moscow, he was accused of having entered into improper deals with Russians and again lost his post.

But in 1970 the increasingly bitter conflict along the Suez Canal with Israel was necessitating ever closer co-ordination with the Soviet military, and Ali Sabri's relations with the Soviet higher command became a positive asset, so that he became the chief liaison officer with it on air force matters.

On Nasser's death in September 1970 Sabri was regarded as a contender for the succession, but he lost the race to Vice-President Anwar Sadat, who went on to appoint him to be one of his two deputies. Early in 1971, however, strains began to build up within the Egyptian cabinet and in the armed forces over President Sadat's conciliatory attitude to the United States and Israel which would eventually result in the Camp David peace accords. In May, Sabri was dismissed and arrested on suspicion of plotting to overthrow the government with the help of left-wing officers and the Soviet Union. A subsequent military tribunal condemned him to death, but Sadat reduced the sentence to life imprisonment with hard labour and, after ten years, released him on grounds of poor health. President Sadat was himself assassinated by Muslim extremists in 1981.

JAMES ROOSEVELT

James Roosevelt, eldest son of President Franklin Roosevelt, died on August 13 in Newport Beach, California aged 83. He was born in New York on December 23, 1907.

JAMES Roosevelt had to cope throughout his life with being the son of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. He was at times closely associated with his father's presidential administration and had a varied career as a marine officer and as a businessman dealing in insurance and films. He went on to build his own political career but his life was marred by allegations that he used his famous name for personal financial advantage.

Roosevelt's first foray into elective politics was as Democratic party candidate for governor of California in 1950 but he lost to the Republican incumbent Earl Warren who went on to become a liberal chief justice. Five years later the former president's son won a California seat in Congress remaining there for 11 years before being appointed ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council by President Lyndon Johnson. In later years Roosevelt formed a lobbying group, the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare with the aim of protecting the social services which were his father's greatest legacy but he was also associated with a Democrats for Nixon group which had aims which might be regarded the antithesis of those of his father.

Much of Roosevelt's life was lived in the glare of publicity as a result of being the son of FDR and he was alleged on several occasions to be involved in questionable business activities. In the 1930s he gave up his job as vice-president of a yeast company in New Jersey because of fears held by his father that it might be involved in bootlegging. And in 1938, when FDR was at the White House, Roosevelt junior resigned his post as secretary to the president after being there for just a year following unsubstantiated press criticism that he had used his position to enhance his business dealings. To refute the charges he later released his tax returns to a magazine. Years later Roosevelt gave up his Unesco post to become a director of Investors Overseas Services, a Swiss-based investment company run by Bernie Cornfeld whose business dealings were to become notorious and to lead Mr Cornfeld to prison.

In 1975 Roosevelt brought a libel action against *The Sunday Telegraph* in the High Court claiming that an article in the newspaper falsely implied that he had lent his famous name and prestige to an illegal operation and played an important part in a continuing swindle of investors. He lost the action and was ordered to pay the total costs. Roosevelt's personal life, too, had some turbulent moments. In 1975 he was discovered lying in a pool of blood at a lakeside mansion in Geneva. He had been stabbed in the back by his third wife, Irene, during a quarrel. The couple were divorced later the same year.

In 1941 when the US began to take a more energetic part in the war by way of preparing national defence and supplying Britain with all the aid possible, Roosevelt junior, acting as an official aide to the president, undertook a long tour to the Far East, then to the Near East returning by way of Gibraltar.

He went as a captain in the US Marine Corps Reserves, a rank he had held for some years. In the Far East he met American officials in the Philippines and British authorities at Singapore. He then went on to Egypt, where he was received by King Farouk, and to Crete where he presented to King George of the Hellenes a letter from the president. He met other political and military chiefs in Cairo, Palestine, Iraq, Turkey and elsewhere. His mission was one of goodwill from America and certainly did much to provide encouragement.

Roosevelt was brought up chiefly in Washington while his father was assistant secretary for the Navy from 1913 until 1920. There he went to the Potomac School, and then to the National Cathedral School for boys. He went on to Croton school in Massachusetts, to which his father and brothers went as well as a number of other Roosevelts. He graduated from Harvard in 1930. He was a popular figure during his time there and was elected permanent treasurer of his class for its annual gatherings. He studied law at the Boston university law school in 1930 and 1931 but gave it up when he found that work as an insurance broker on, which he had started, was succeeding beyond his expectations. He was president of an insurance company until 1937, and was



generally supposed to be a successful man of business who had accumulated a considerable fortune at an early age so there was some surprise when he joined his father in Washington that year though it was well known that he had a keen interest in politics.

His affable manner and his ready way of winning the confidence and support of others made him a suitable appointment for a president's secretary. But then he resigned to go into films, producing *Pot of Gold* starring James Stewart. He visited this country in connection with some of his films in the summer of 1939 and was received by the King and the Queen at Buckingham Palace. He again visited London and called on Sir Winston Churchill in 1956. Relations between Britain and the US were strained by the Suez crisis at that time and he ventured to suggest that what was lacking was the close degree of personal contact which had been forged between Churchill and his father.

Roosevelt was married four times and had three sons and four daughters.

The anonymous art of raising cash quickly

By JOHN SHAW

LLOYD'S "names" who need large sums of money quickly and discreetly will be targeted by Artemis, the international art dealing group, during the forthcoming season.

Works of art belonging to rich, often famous and nearly always anonymous owners faced with claims for insurance pay-outs from their syndicates will be purchased with money from a $15.5 million (£9.12 million) one-for-three share issue. The plan was approved by Artemis SA in Luxembourg on Monday.

"We think there are certain good purchases to be made in the next year at advantageous prices and we want to be ready to take advantage of them," said Timothy Bathurst, a director of the company in London yesterday.

"We bought one object recently – I can't say what it is – from a person at Lloyd's. I think certain people will be needing cash in that direction and we want to be kitted up to take advantage of these opportunities if they come about. I think they will."

The Artemis group is one of the leading fine art dealerships in London, investing in a broad spectrum of goods. Mr Bathurst rejected the view that the recession meant it was a difficult time to buy and sell.

"I think only nineteenth century impressionists are down, but the Degas at Christie's estimated at £3 million fetched £6 million because it is a wonderful picture. If you get a masterpiece it will certainly go well.

"Sotheby's says old masters are down 10 per cent, but for good old masters and old masters drawings like the Holkham sale I don't think there is a recession at all."

The Degas study of racehorses went to a private European buyer at Christie's in London on June 24 and the drawings from Holkham Hall made £3.2 million with 98.7 per cent sold at the same rooms on July 2.

"Certainly sales are difficult and ours are down on last year but that was a record by a long, long way. We are still making a good profit. If people want to sell something we are ready to buy.

"Probably you don't make the same profit that you used to, but you can sell. People used to buy Vlaminck in France for £100,000 and expect £200,000 by putting it into auction at Sotheby's three months later. Those days are gone. The things we have sold lately have all been to what we call proper collectors."

Peggy Auchincloss, head of Sotheby's financial services in London, said the company had two works sold by Sir Denis Mahon, an art historian.

If a person decided to sell an object but the auction did not take place for several weeks, the firm would advance them between 40 and 50 per cent of the low sale room estimate.

The loan would be interest bearing and when the auction took place and was settled the principal and interest were paid back out of the proceeds.

"Secondly, we lend money to people who have no intention of selling. We value their objects and lend them 40 per cent of the low estimate but they are not obliged to sell," she said.

"We have had a taker who is a member of Lloyd's. He needs to find some cash and so we have lent him £50,000 secured by his collection of pictures. We think it is helpful and besides, we're in the middle of a recession."

● Memorabilia from the airship age collected by Lady Grace Drummond-Hay, the first woman to cross the Atlantic by commercial airship in 1928, made a total of £6,413 at Christie's, South Kensington.

There were strong demand and a group of four autograph menu cards made the top price of £825 (estimate £400-£600). Most of the lots were bought by Maurice Porter, of Franks, the London dealers, who said afterwards he was purchasing for stock and on behalf of clients.

Archaeology

Roman watermill dating defies the textbooks

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A MASSIVE Roman watermill complex in southern France, first recognised only last year, has proved to be some two centuries older than initially thought. The history of industrial-scale food production in the Roman Empire has thus been pushed back in time, with concomitant implications for what we know of imperial economic administration.

The mill, at Barbégal near Arles, was thought to date to the fourth century AD. Professor Trevor Hodge, of Carleton university in Ottawa, who described the complex last year in *Scientific American*, called it "a well-preserved example of something that, according to the textbooks, never existed at all – an ancient Roman power-driven, mass-production, assembly-line factory".

Professor Hodge now believes the mills to be probably of second century date, because the aqueduct supplying them has been shown to be earlier. The channel was also now known to be a municipal aqueduct supplying Roman Arelate, which was converted to industrial use when the had been thought that clogging of the channel by carbonate deposition was the cause of its abandonment as a municipal supply.

The mill was believed to have produced about nine metric tons of flour a day, sufficient to supply the estimated 12,500 population of Arelate. That figure was based on calculations by Dr Robert Sellin, of Bristol university, of the rotation rate of the millstones, at some 30 times a minute, with the waterwheels revolving at one third that speed.

Professor Hodge speculates that a gearing closer to 1:1 was possible, especially if the gears were of bronze or iron instead of wood. This would lead to a higher output. He also believes that a second multiple mill exists, at the far end of the Roman Empire in Turkey. The report, from the site of Colossae, would be of vital importance if true, Professor Hodge says, but the site is as yet unexcavated.

Norman castle find

REMAINS of a Norman castle and Plantagenet royal palace have been found in the grounds of Guildford Castle in Surrey (Norman Hammond writes).

Alterations to William the Conqueror's castle under King John included construction of a kiln to fire clay roofing tiles, claimed to be the earliest such kiln in England.

The excavations, by the Surrey Archaeological Society, exposed the deliberate infilling of the great defensive ditch of the Norman castle, finding the ditch "has changed

Mehuhin has agreed to the patron of the gala, which will feature Faldo, Sandy Lyle and Roman kal- ferty will also be present. Virgin

route of the bullet that killed King. It could only happen in America.

Alexander, curator of the local museum. Post holes of a timber building may be the remains of the earliest known buildings in Guildford.

The filling of the Norman ditch around AD 1200 can be linked to King John's expenditure of much time and money on the castle: both the tile-kiln and a lime-kiln for making mortar were found. Fragments of painted window glass suggest well-appointed buildings, although coin evidence suggests that this, as well as foundations uncovered this year, date to the reign of

head of my nine-month-old son clambered Florence is older," she replied.

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St Mark 4:22 REB

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BREWIN - On August 12th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Elspeth (nee Gray) and Jonathan, a son, Somers Fraser and a daughter, Catriona Mary. A brother and sister for Elizabeth.

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BROWN - On August 8th, to Victoria (nee Everett) and Richard (Bruno), a daughter, Charlotte May Everett, a sister for Elizabeth and Harriet.

FROELICH - On August 11th, at The Portland Hospital, to Molly (nee Dewar) and Henry, a son, William Ragsdale.

GALLAGHER - On August 12th, to Julia (nee Thompson) and David, a daughter, Jennifer, a sister for James.

GALLAGHER - On August 10th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Gilly and John, a daughter.

GREAVES - On August 8th, to Catriona (nee Monro) and Simon, a daughter, Iona, a sister for Alexander.

HOPKINS - On August 13th, to Caroline (nee Barron) and Peter, a son, Edward Alexander Barron.

KANJI - On August 11th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Sikander and Thorayya, a daughter, Yasmin

LAWRENCE - On August 13th to Teresa (nee O'Donnell) and Christopher, a son, Mowgli Christopher Thorne, brother for Max and Mischa.

LAW - see Balazs.

LLOYD - On August 12th, at Guy's Hospital, to Sue (nee Darlow) and Jonathan, a daughter, Sarah, a sister for Emma.

MARGOLIS - On August 11th, at The Portland Hospital, to Michelle (nee Green) and Simon, a son, Samuel Alexander.

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MORRIS-EYTON - On August 14th, to Clare and Anthony, a son.

PETIT - On August 7th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Henrietta (nee Morriss) and James, a daughter, Eliza Mary Lara, a sister for William.

PRINS - On August 11th, in Geneva, to Christa and Kit, a daughter, Charlotte Emma Marie, a sister for Lukas.

RAPER - On August 10th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Noreen (nee Burridge) and Phil, a son, Benjamin, a brother for Josh and Toby.

ROBINSON - On August 10th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Colin and Antonia, a daughter, Eliza, sister to Oscar.

SHROPSHIRE - On August 13th, to Patricia and John, a son, Henry James, a brother for Davina, Daisy and Charles.

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WISEMAN - On August 8th, to Karen Elizabeth (nee Branch) and Steven Leonard, a son, Jack Steven Arthur, a brother for Hannah Louise and Charlotte Anne.

WOODD - On August 8th, to Fra and David, a daughter, Tabitha Ann.

DEATHS

RITCHIE, David - Sometime resident of Dysinglon Grange. On August 9th at his home, "Delaitie" in Victoria, Australia. Loved son of Sylvia, and brother of Geoffrey and Robert.

DEATHS

BALLARD - On August 12th 1991, suddenly but peacefully in hospital, Kenneth Oliver, aged 87 years, of Whitchurch, nr Pangbourne. Loving husband to Shirley and devoted father and grandfather. So sadly missed by all. Funeral Service (today), Thursday August 15th at St Mary's Church, Whitchurch, nr Pangbourne, followed by committal at Reading Crematorium. All flowers and enquiries please to Cyril H Lovegrove (Funeral Directors), 141 Oxford Road, Reading, tel: (0734) 572016.

CARR - On August 13th 1991, after many years of ill health borne with unfailing courage and humour, Douglas, late of the Royal Berkshire Regiment, beloved husband of Pamela and dear father of James, Philippa and Nicola. Funeral arrangements later.

COMPTON - On August 13th, Betty (nee Chandler), aged 83. Wife of the late Heath Compton, loving mother of Roger and grandmother of Simon. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Meads, Eastbourne, on Monday August 19th at 3.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to any Cancer Charity.

COURTNEY - On August 12th 1991, Stella Lucille Courtney. Following a private family funeral a memorial service will be held at St John's Church, Woodcock Hill, Kenton, Middlesex, on August 22nd 1991 at 2.30 pm. At Stella's request, no flowers please. Donations in memory may be sent to Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AR. In loving memory.

EDWARDS - On Saturday August 10th, peacefully at Tonna Hospital, Neath, Gwyneth May (of Evans & Bevan). Devoted great-aunt of Diane, Elizabeth and their children. Funeral Friday August 16th when a service will be held at St Catwgs Church, Cadoxton, Neath at 1.30 pm, followed by interment at Ynysymaerdy Cemetery, Briton Ferry at 2pm. Flowers to K.L. Richards Chapel of Rest, Danygraig Road, Neath, not later than 12 noon please or donations to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o Mrs Joan Oxley, Tonna Hospital, Tonna, Neath.

HALKERSTON - On August 7th, Keith William, A.M., at Nettlebed, Oxfordshire. Cremation service for family only. Thanksgiving Service to be held at S. Botolph's Church, Swyncombe, nr. Henley-on-Thames at 3.30 pm on Saturday September 21st. All welcome. If wished, donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research.

HICKS - On August 10th 1991, aged 81, Sidney, dear husband of Edna and loved father of Betty. Funeral Service at St Pancras and Islington Cemetery and Crematorium, High Road, East Finchley, N2, on Monday August 19th at 2pm. Flowers, if desired, to 1 Denmark Terrace, Fortis Green, N2 9HG or donations in lieu to the North London Hospice, 269 Ballards Lane, N12 8NR.

HYSLOP - (formerly Marshall, née Harrington). On August 13th, in Oxford, Maris Stella Camille, in her 88th year. Requiem Mass 12.30 pm on Monday August 19th at St Gregory & St Augustine, 322 Woodstock Road, Oxford, followed by Interment. Flowers to A.W. Bruce Ltd., 29 Rogers Street, Oxford.

MIDDLETON - On Thursday August 8th, while climbing in the Grand Paradiso Mountains in Italy, Tom, aged 26. Son of Sir Peter Middleton and the late Lady Valerie Middleton and brother of Emma. Funeral arrangements to be announced later. All enquiries to Mrs Cook, Ashton Funeral Services, Wimbledon, tel: (081) 946-1051.

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DEATHS

POSNETT - On August 13th 1991, peacefully at home, Eunice Elizabeth (Betty) aged 67, much loved mother of John, Michael and Elizabeth. Funeral Service at Tilehouse Fearnall Church, Tarporley, on Saturday August 17th 1991 at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations to Tarporley Hospital, c/o Burrows Funeral Directors, Nantwich. (0270) 74243.

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SAUNDERS - On August 14th, Maurice Saunders J.P., F.R.I.B.A., beloved husband of Lilian and devoted father of Roger and Rosalind. Funeral Friday August 16th 11 am Bushey Jewish Cemetery. Prayers Sunday August 18th 8 pm at his home. No flowers please.

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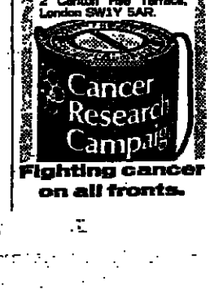
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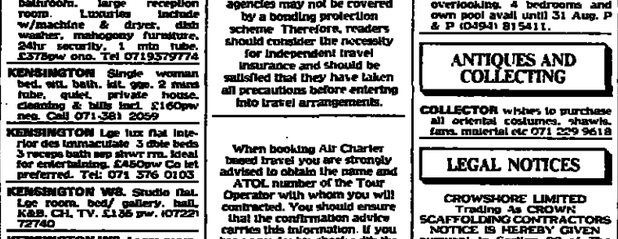
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Dated this 5th day of August 1991
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Dated 2nd August 1991
Peter S Dunn
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IN THE MATTER OF S.B.W. TECHNICAL SERVICES LTD
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 7th day of August 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
F. PAGE
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IN THE MATTER OF THE MERVYN CONN ORGANISATION LIMITED
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In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Kevin Paul Barry, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 12th July 1991.
DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF JULY, 1991

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Donald Coleman and David Alan Bolan of St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 5th August 1991
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By Order of the Board
H Redmond
Director

IN THE MATTER OF Goodwood Frame Co Limited
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 45 Conduit Street, London W1R 9FB, was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Creditors on 2nd August 1991
DATED THIS 2ND
AUGUST 1991
Peter S Dunn FCA
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45 Conduit Street
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IN THE MATTER OF Benedetto Limited
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Dated this 12th day of August 1991
DAVID A ROLPH
Joint Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF Goodwood Frame Co Limited
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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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DATED THIS 5TH
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A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LE between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 5th day of August 1991
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DATED THIS 5TH
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NEW RELEASES

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE YELLOW HOUSE (18): Dostoevsky meets Portuguese surrealism in *João César Monteiro's* slow, hypnotic oddity, featuring the director as a scraggy, loudmouth nonconformist.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

RETURN TO THE BLUE LAGOON (12): *Teenage model Milla Jovovich and* male hunk Brian Krause discover the joys of adolescence on a Pacific island. Vacuous, predictable sequel to the 1980 Brooke Shields epic
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-630 0310) Odeons: *Mezzanine* (071-839 1929) Kensington (071-602 6644) Plaza (071-437 1234) Whiteleys (071-792 3303)

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES II: THE SECRET OF THE OOZE (PG): *Live-action Turtles fighting evil in New* York, though with less violent frenzy than *before. Action-packed for youngsters;* director, Michael Pressman.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-630 0310) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644) *Mezzanine* (071-839 1929) Swiss Cottage (071-586 3057) Plaza (071-437 1234) Whiteleys (071-792 3303)

CURRENT

AFTER DARK, MY SWEET (18): Tormented drifter (Jason Patric) wanders into a kidnapping plot. Atmospheric thriller (from a Jim Thompson novel) which survives its flaws; director, James Foley
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Gate (071-727 4043).

ALICE (12): Woody Allen's comic fantasy about a Manhattan wife in crisis. Loose and flimsy, but with a marvellous performance from Mia Farrow
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

♦ **BACKDRAFT** (15): Overblown fire-fighting epic with awesome flames but *paltry characters. Starring Kurt Russell,* William Baldwin, Robert De Niro, director, Ron Howard

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of *films in London and* (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on *release across the country.*

Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6706) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **CINDERELLA** (U): Revival of Disney's 1950 cartoon: skilful animation, attractive music, a good sense of character.
Cannon *Oxford Street* (071-636 0310) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3324)

♦ **EDWARD SCISSORHANDS** (PG): *Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a* boy with scissors for hands at large in *American suburbia.* With Johnny Depp, Dianne Wiest, Winona Ryder.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-586 9057) *Screen on* Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303)

♦ **IN BED WITH MADONNA** (18): Exhilarating, eye-opening portrait, *shot* during her 1990 world tour. Director, Alek Keshishian.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-839 1929) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905)

♦ **LISTEN UP: THE LIVES OF QUINCY JONES** (12): Chaotic, fragmentary portrait of the multi-talented *musician,* with insights thinly scattered through the hubbub Director, Ellen Weissbrod.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

♦ **THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR** (12): Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous deed-pan comedy. With *Priscilla Presley; directed by David* Zucker.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **ROBIN HOOD, PRINCE OF THIEVES** (PG): Splashy epic by Kevin Reynolds with no coherent style, a scene-stealing Sheriff of Nottingham (Alan Rickman), and a miscast star (*Kevin Costner*).
Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **ROCK-A-DOODLE** (U): Elvis-voiced rooster finds success and trouble as a rock 'n' roll star. Inventive but frantic cartoon; director, Don Bluth.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) *Mezzanine* (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **THE ROCKETEER** (PG): Hollywood Nazi agents covet miniaturised rocket. Endearing family romp with amusing *period detail. Starring Bill Campbell,* Jennifer Connelly, Timothy Dalton. Director, Joe Johnston.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ **THELMA & LOUISE** (15): Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☑ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BLACK SNOW:** Robin Bailey a sublimely funny Stanislavsky figure in Bulgakov's tart Moscow comedy
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Sat. 7.30pm. mats today, Sat, 2.30pm. 145mins

☐ **THE CARETAKER:** Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat. 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat. 5pm. 135mins.

☑ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, *mats Wed, Sat,* 3pm 165mins

☐ **COMEDY OF ERRORS:** Desmond Barrit plays both twins in high-spirited *production, part Disney-part Dalí*
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. mats tomorrow, Sat, 2pm. 150mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **DICKENS' WOMEN:** Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats *4pm, Sun, 3pm. 120mins.*

☐ **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER:** Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, *mats* Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE LADY FROM THE SEA:** Kathryn Pogson intense and persuasive in Ibsen's drama of a woman's right to choose her own man
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat. 3pm. 135mins

☐ **LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT:** Timothy West, Prunella Scales in sound production of O'Neill's masterpiece of family guilt...
National (Lyttelton) (as left). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. 200mins.

☐ **THE MISER:** Charles Kay, Eleanor Bron in needlessly dour production by Steven Pimlott.
National (Olivier) (as left). Today, 2pm *and 7.15pm. 165mins.*

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Captivating performance *by Edward Fox in* Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ **THE ROSE TATTOO:** Flaminia Cinque temporarily replaces Julie Walters in Tennessee Williams's heated but joyful celebration of sex.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, *WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm,* mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins

☐ **70, GIRLS, 70:** Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 *9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats* Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 120mins.

☐ **SILLY COW:** Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Helen *Atkinson-Wood as a tabloid journo.*
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ **SPUNK:** New York Shakespeare Festival's three black plays: vigorous, weird, hollow. LIFT co-production.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 135mins.

☐ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** Cult stage version of cult television show performed by two *actors wearing spaceship hats.*
Mermaid Theatre, Queen Victoria *Street, EC4* (071-410 0000). Mon-Thurs, 6.30pm, Fri, Sat, 7 30pm and 9.30pm. 90mins.

☐ **A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8 15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☑ **TROILUS AND CRESSIDA:** Top-quality production by Sam Mendes of the *bard's caustic vision of love and war.*
The Pit, Barbican (as left). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat today, Sat, 2pm. 210mins.

☑ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa *Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's* artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). . . ■ Cats: New *London* (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ *Five Guys* Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: *St Martin's (071-836 1443)* . . . ■ *The* Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

LES PERCUSSIONS DE STRASBOURG: Established for over 20 years, the ensemble makes its first *appearance at the festival performing* works by Varèse (*Ionisation*), Cage (*First Construction in Metal*) and Xenakis (*Pléiades*)
Queen's Hall, South Clerk Street, 11am

THE BRUCE: Poet R.S. Silver's tribute to *Robert the Bruce, chronicling the life of* his hero, is brought to life by Charles Nowosielski and his Brunton Theatre Company. With authentic costumes, thick accents (almost incomprehensible to the English ear at times) and ranting actors, it amounts to a powerful celebration of Scots nationhood.
St Bride's Centre, Orwell Terrace, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, until August 31

KIROV OPERA ORCHESTRA: Valery *Gergiev conducts fragments from* Mussorgsky's orchestration of *Salammbô*, together with *A Night on the Bare Mountain.* Tomorrow brings a concert version of *Boris Godunov.*
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, 8pm.

SALIERI: FRIENDS, ENEMIES AND PUPILS: Students of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama pay homage to Mozart's celebrated rival in a programme devised by Clive Brown, and taking place in the 1820 Signet Library (with a Viennese-style interval).
Signet Library, Parliament Square. tonight-Sat, 10pm.

Edinburgh International Festival Box Office: 031-225 5756.

EDINBURGH FRINGE

CIRCUS OZ/ARCHAOS: The Australian group Circus Oz offers a more *ethereal approach to modern-day circus* than that of Archaos with its chain-sawing and hacking of teddy bears.
Circus Tent (Circus Oz), Middle Meadow Walk, The Meadows, 6pm, until August 31. Leith Links (Archaos), Edinburgh northside, 8.30pm, until *September 1.*

JIMMY TINGLE: A highly rated American comic whose razor-sharp wit caused a sell-out last year.
Dream Tent, Middle Meadow Walk, The Meadows, tonight-Sat, 10.15pm.

LIZ LOCHEAD: *Quelques Fleurs,* her latest poetic offering, comprises two overlapping monologues, reintroducing some of her familiar soap-opera characters. It is performed by Lochead with *Stuart Hepburn.*
Edinburgh Suite, Assembly Rooms, George Square, midday, until August 31.

NATURAL THEATRE COMPANY: Usually exercised on the street, the company's new show is worked out in the confines of a theatre space (the audience may feel nervy) *Scarlatti's* Wedding incorporates music from various eras, a mafia-style Scarlatti, weeping brides, wigs, and plenty of powder.
Ballroom, Assembly Rooms, George Square, 11.45am, until August 25

Edinburgh Festival Fringe Box Office: 031-226 5257/5259.

ELSEWHERE

BBC PROMS: A programme by the *BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra* under Takuo Yuasa. Pianist David Owen Norris *and the orchestra's principal trumpeter* Nigel Boddice perform Shostakovich's First Piano Concerto, flanked by Berlioz's overture *Beatrice and Benedict* and Schubert's Ninth Symphony.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), 7.30pm.

CINDY SHERMAN: One of the few photographers to have broken completely into the fine art sphere, Sherman (born 1954) belongs to the *generation brought up with art based on* pastiche, parody and kitsch. Most of her pictures, except the most recent, are self-portraits, with Sherman appearing as the heroines of Hollywood B-movies, as victims of various kinds and as characters (male and female) from Old Master paintings.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (071-377 0107), 11am-5pm, until September 22.

INDIAN MINIATURES: The classic Indian miniature sprang into being in 1615 when Elizabethan and Jacobean miniatures were first brought to India as gifts for Emperor Jahangir. Indian examples incorporated native conventions of portraiture, and there was a flourishing tradition until the late 19th century. The India Office, part of the British Library, has one of the best collections in the world.
British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-323 7111), 10am-5pm, *until September 15.*

Out of time with original lines

MARILYN KINGWILL

THEATRE

Valentine's Day
Minerva, Chichester

FASHIONED by Benny Green and Denis King from Shaw's *You Never Can Tell*, this light musical, lightly sung to light melodies, gives some degree of pleasure in its pale and filigree setting, but lacks what the 18th century would call bottom.

The book by Green and David William follows the original Shaw, incident for incident, from Valentine's dental surgery to lunch on the terrace of the Marine Hotel, Torquay, to tea and an evening of dancing. The furniture is delicately striped in ice blue and mauve; costumes show not a spot of wear, except for those on grumpy old Crampton (Jonathan Adams) who has clearly been sleeping in his black suit for most of the 18 years since his wife departed.

Doubts begin at the opening song. Does "*I'm a Professional Man*", contradicted by his behaviour, give useful information about young Val (Steven Pacey)? I think not. Doubts recede when the twins join up, their vivacity allowing the wit in Green's lyrics to show itself in triple rhymes and short lines contrasting with long:

To be inspected
And rejected
Just because we've been bisected

There is more in the same agreeable vein, played merrily by Robert Hands and Gemma Lowy and neatly choreographed in Gillian Lynne's production to send the couple darting and rejoining around the dental chair. The plot hereabouts is forwarded through the lyrics:

Since you are
Our mamma
Tell us who is our pappa.

Likewise the song from Crampton after guessing that Val is in love:

When romance comes your way
Good sense goes out the doorway.

But by now it is beginning to dawn upon us that all the characters display the same verbal felicity in their lyrics, sometimes at variance with the lines left in from Shaw.

The strain between form, content and situation becomes most extreme when Gloria, half-reluctant object of Val's love, sings "There Was a Time", with solo violin introduction:

Just for a moment he was revealed to me.
And he appealed to me.

This is the language of Lady Parvula in Sandy Wilson's *Valmouth*.

In Gloria's speaking passages, Fiona Fullerton, features carved in ice, panting with embarrassment and rage, persuasively shows the young girl reluctantly melting into love. But Green and William are evidently unhappy at losing any of Shaw's lines. Too many remain, as fresh as ever, but hold back exploration of the husband and wife conflict and the doubts of young lovers, leaving the purpose of the story in the air. The story is evidently serious as well as amusing but it is no longer possible to see why.

King's music reflects this same move towards sweetness: slow waltz, quick waltz, here a touch of minuet. The 1890s was the era of the first hit songs which, as well as "After the Ball", included the swirl and thump of "Ta-ra-ra-*boom-de-ay*".



Persuasive portrayal of the young girl in love: Fiona Fullerton as Gloria

Performance of the evening, as so often in the original Shaw, is Edward Petherbridge as William, the waiter. Benignly smiling, eyebrows arching, timing the lines in his songs as exquisitely as in his speech, and often allowing the words to die away on a voiceless breath, he presides like a fairy godfather over his family of emotional Cinderellas.

As a musical, then, quite amusing but now let's go back to the original.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THEATRE

Weisman and Copperface/ Light in the Village
Traverse

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

GEORGE Tabori's latest play comes with an apologetic programme note from its director, Michael Batz. The *Edinburgh by-laws*, he writes, have stopped him using the live vulture which played "a vital and significant role" in the German productions of Weisman and Copperface. Just what this bird did he does not say; but since the piece ends with someone dead beneath a wizened tree, we can make an educated guess. What worries me more is that, on the play's own evidence, a still more forbidding ordinance is in operation. The city fathers have banned live characters.

Not that the acting lacks energy or guile. Carl Forgione ruefully wisecracks through the part of Weisman, the black-suited underwear manufacturer driving his wife's ashes from California to New York. Josephine Welcome grunts round the stage as his crippled daughter. Nick Bartlett exudes redneck contempt as the hunter who robs them of their car, and Jonathan Robinson brings plenty of confused rage to the part of the next arrival, a young man with Indian blood and an identity crisis. Even the skeleton substituting for the vulture acts as well as skeletons can.

The trouble is that the play's intellectual bones are visible, too. Both main characters are victims at war with themselves. Copperface is the more blatant case, launching as he does into a long anti-Semitic tirade, then announcing he will join the Great Spirit with a moonlight suicide. But Weisman suffers from feelings of inadequacy and guilt too, and they are so extreme that he ends up naked, having given the "deprived" Indian all his clothes. The odd line crackles, but at base this is ponderous stuff, too self-conscious a study of alienation to take flight.

The Traverse is clearly in one of its worthier moods this year, for rather the same trouble dogs John Clifford's tale, Light in the Village. Every character in Ian Brown's production has a place in the intellectual scheme. Graham Valentine is the Indian landowner nostalgic for a past when oppression was more orderly, Jude Akuwudike his more unsentimentally greedy brother. Okon Jones is their abject vassal, and Sharon Maharaj the wife who ends up raped but unbowed after questioning the status quo. Kali makes the occasional appearance too, embodied by an angular Sandy McDade; but she adds only a little magic to a play that also stays resolutely grounded.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

THEATRE

The Tempest
Oxford Playhouse

THIS is highly encouraging. Oxford, without a professional theatre for four years, now has the fine wide stage of the Playhouse restored. More important, if this imaginative, Japanese inspired, beautifully composed production is anything to go by, the Oxford Stage Company has the artistic boldness to rethink classic work in a distinctive idiom.

Take *The Tempest*'s opening storm sequence, usually the cue for a panoply of neo-naturalistic effects: howling wind and creaking rigging, laboriously contrived and allowing shouting actors little chance to articulate Shakespeare's words, which say far more about the fear of drowning than any wind machine. Here, everything is suggested by a large silky sheet thrown over two lines of rowers, at the start to disrupt their rhythm as the storm begins, then held by all hands as it billows into an uncontrollable sail.

We are in Ninagawa country here, an impression confirmed by the opaque sliding screen (the designer is Julian McGowan) which can suggest shadowy island scapes and also, near the end, reveal Ferdinand and Miranda playing chess.

Not so Japanese is Juliet Aubrey's enthusiastic Miranda, a wild child who, when she rushed on in bodice and hose, I took to be an androgynous Caliban. Shades here of *The Blue Lagoon*. The trouble is that Miranda's kind of innocence is now almost unimaginable — we might be able to think of an adolescent girl who had never seen a young man, but hardly one who had never watched television. Still, Aubrey acts bravely through the cloud of associations and finds a sensitive if somewhat statuesque partner in Ray Fearon's Ferdinand. Richard Durden's understated Prospero is a modern sort of father: chummy, affectionate, egalitarian. The danger with this interpretation is that it leaves Prospero with little room for development; he seems humble from the start, not possessing enough authority of which to divest himself.

The best acting in *John Retallack's* production comes in support. Diane Parish's Ariel looks like an Indian god, a creature who at the start is not human but who changes and learns, so that "do you love me, *master?*" comes out with the force of a discovery.

I have never seen the taunting of old Gonzalo (the splendid Leader Hawkins) by Sebastian and Antonio so effectively staged (stereophonic blocking); and Karl James doubles his excellent dyspeptic, sardonic Sebastian with an Archie Rice-style music-hall Trinculo. Cleverly eclectic (*Renaissance to calypso*), atmospheric music is by Howard Goodall.

HARRY EYRES

CONCERT

Sorochinsky Fair
Usher Hall

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

AFTER opening the festival with *Khovanshchina*, the Kirov Opera moved on to the other great project that revolved with it in Mussorgsky's mind during the years after *Boris Godunov*: the peasant comedy *Sorochinsky Fair*. This opera, based on Gogol, was left in a much more rudimentary state than was its historical companion piece. But, in a sense, that only makes it the more essentially Mussorgskian. No composer before Boulez was such a liberal abandoner of works: two more unfinished operas, *The Marriage* and *Salammbô*, are yet to come in this Kirov retrospective. And even *Boris* — the only one of his operas to be staged in the composer's lifetime — has, with its alternative versions, a Protean existence that resists any effort to see it once and whole.

Perhaps this is what Mussorgsky's celebrated "truth to life" was: a truth to the lightning intuitions and rough, half-formed impressions of his own life as an artist, and an unwillingness therefore to fuss up the material which that life had given him. Anybody trying to construe a performing version is thus in a paradoxical position. The works need completion and orchestration if they are to be heard, and yet those processes inevitably disguise the immediacy of the raw. There is also the complication that posthumous realisers must be tempted to fulfil their own prophecies about the nature of Mussorgsky's importance and influence.

The version of *Sorochinsky Fair* by Shostakovich's contemporary Shebalin, used here, is piquantly unashamed in that respect. The fair scenes — with the Kirov Chorus offering bright, varied-tone ensembles — pop the kaleidoscopic shuffle of *Petrushka* back into the 1870s. Gritzko's soliloquy of burning love, sung with a brimming passion by Yuri Masurin, shocks as a foretaste of the opening of *The Rite of Spring*, with Stravinsky's bassoon used as accompanying instrument: presumably Mussorgsky here had latched on to the same folksong that was to serve his junior.

Most of the rest of these operatic sketches are similarly borne on the forms and phrases of folksong, as if the piece were being told by a balladeer — but by a balladeer with cutting powers of impersonation. The gluttony/infidelity scene for the peasant wife and the priest's son was done with zestful humour by Olga Korgenskaya and Konstantin Pluzhnikov, and there was tang, character and robust comedy, too, in the bass duo of *Mikhail Kit* and Sergei Aleksashkin. Valery Gergiev conducted a performance of bounding panache, the energy rearing up impressively in the version of *A Night on the Bare Mountain* that Mussorgsky included in the bundle.

The orchestra had previously shown its speed and life in *Pictures from an Exhibition*, and also, this being the Gorchakov scoring, its strongly Russian nature: rasping clarinet tone, trumpets wailing on the wind, emotional strings in the promenade music.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

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WORD-WATCHING

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VIDAME
(b) Someone who held lands in France from a bishop as his representative and defender in spiritual matters, from the Latin vice in the place of dominus lord: "The vidame of an ecclesiastical corporation was usually some powerful count."

RINGGIT
(b) The unit of currency in Malaysia, comprising 100 sen, from the Malay word. The rate of exchange is something under 5 ringgits to the pound: "The Bank Negara Malaysia is the sole currency issuing authority for the ringgit."

MATACHIN
(c) A masked sword-dancer in fantastic costume, conjectured to be the Arabic mutawajihun, present participle plural of tawajaha to assume a mask: "Monstrous of shape and of an ugly hew,/ Like masking matachinas all disguised."

ACROSPIRE
(c) The first leaf when corn sprouts, from the Greek akros top + speira anything twisted: "That which shoots towards the end of the grain is called by many masters the acrospire."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Book — Saila, Stockholm 1946. Black is dangerously lacking in development and has a weak back row. White now found a way to exploit this. Can you see how?



Solution: 1 Qe5! Qxe5 (1 ... Rxf7 2 Qxe5+) 2 Rxf8 mate.

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10.00 **News,** regional news and weather 10.05 **Playdays** 10.25 **Double Dare.** Peter Simon sets the contestants off over the mucky obstacles (r) 10.50 **The O-Zone.** Chart-oriented music magazine
11.00 **News,** regional news and weather 11.05 **Peaceable Kingdom.** Drama series starring Lindsay Wagner as the director of a Los Angeles zoo (r) 11.55 **The History Man.** Bryan McNamey visits Stowa, a reconstructed 6th century village in Suffolk
12.00 **News,** regional news and weather 12.05 **The Garden Party.** This morning's edition of the open-air magazine has Anne Gregg visiting north Norfolk, while the author of *A Year in Provence*, Peter Mayle, compares life on both sides of the channel with French writer Philippe Daudy 12.55 **Regional News** and weather
1.00 **One O'Clock News** and weather
1.30 **Neighbours.** (Ceefax) 1.50 **A Summer Journey.** Angela Rippon visits Lynmouth in Devon and the Exmoor National Park (r)
2.20 **Film: Copacabana** (1985). This camp musical comedy about the romance between a songwriter and a chorus girl offers a golden opportunity to see Barry Manilow's acting début — and not much else. With Joseph Bologna, Annette O'Toole and Estelle Getty, directed by Waris Hussein
3.55 **Cartoons.** *Dance of the Weed* and *Doggone Tired* 4.15 **The All New Popeye Show** 4.35 **Dizzy Heights.** The last episode of the comedy series set in an unusual hotel. (r)
5.00 **Newsround** 5.10 **Record Breakers** presented by Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker. Today, there is an attempt to climb the world's tallest tower on a pogo stick, and a chance to see the longest Formula One race in miniature and the fastest tap-dancer, while strong man Jamie Reeves sets out to prove himself the world's most powerful man (r)
5.35 **Neighbours.** (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Andrew Harvey and Jill Dando. Weather
6.30 **Regional News Magazines.** Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 **Top of the Pops** introduced by Gary Davies (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1)
7.30 **EastEnders.** (Ceefax)
8.00 **Open All Hours.** Ronnie Barker is the mean northern shopkeeper and David Jason his sex-obsessed assistant in this Roy Clark comedy series (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 **The Lisa Maxwell Show.** Comedy sketches. Among the guests are Terry Wogan, Victor Spinetti and Tony Blackburn (Ceefax)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather



Winning the battle against the big C: Phyllis Logan (9.30pm)

9.30 **The Play on One: And the Cow Jumped Over the Moon.**
● CHOICE: Life (and, inevitably, in television dramas these days, death) in the women's cancer ward of a hospital is no laughing matter. Against all the odds, then, Donna Franceschild has written a play which, time and again, insists that we wipe the cold sweat from our forehead and raise the corners of our mouth in a wry grin. "A wee lump?", says Phyllis Logan as the ward's lifter of failing spirits. "That's something you fill your bra with." It is this same doughty soul who, three years after being given six months to live, declares: "It'll take more than cancer to kill *me*!" This is essentially a four-character play, with Elaine Collins, Anne Downie and Ida Schuster as the other three patients. The periodic and breezy intervention of a hospital radio disc jockey (Andy Gray) keeps knocking an otherwise firmly-based play off balance. Nothing, however, can shake the rock of Miss Logan's vivid personality. (Ceefax)
10.45 **Capital News: King For a Day.** American series about life on a Washington newspaper. (Ceefax) Wales: The Alarm — A Blaze of Glory. 11.25 Capital News. 12.10 News headlines and weather; Northern Ireland: 10.45 Greenfingers. 11.10 Capital News. Ends at 11.55
11.30 **A Vision Shared.** A tribute to folk singers Woody Guthrie and Huddie Leadbetter by contemporary artists including Bob Dylan, U2, Arlo Guthrie and Bruce Springsteen
12.30am **Weather**

BBC 2

6.45 **Open University:** Light From Semiconductors. Ends at 7.10
8.00 **News**
8.15 **BC: Archaeology of the Bible Lands.** In the eighth of his 12-part series, Magnus Magnusson goes in search of Solomon and the Phoenicians (r)
8.45 **Writers' Houses.** Malcolm Muggeridge visits the former Chelsea home of the social critic and radical prophet Thomas Carlyle (r)
9.00 **Catchword.** Word game with Paul Coia (r)
9.30 **Cricket.** Tony Lewis and Richie Benaud introduce highlights of yesterday's NatWest Bank Trophy semi-final matches (r)
10.20 **Film: The Painted Desert** (1938, b/w). Inferior remake of the 1931 original about conflict and romance between the son and daughter of two long-feuding westerners. Starring George O'Brien, Laraine Johnson and Ray Whitley, directed by David Howard
11.20 **Film: The Spellbinder** (1939, b/w). Contrived courtroom drama about an unprincipled lawyer who defends a murderer he knows to be guilty — and then finds that his daughter has fallen for the killer. Starring Lee Tracey and Barbara Read, directed by Jack Hively
12.25 **Discoveries: The Printer's Tale.** An attempt to discover which was the first major book printed in Britain after William Caxton set up his press in Westminster in 1476 (r) 1.20 **Greenclaws** (r)
1.35 **The Way That I Went.** Paddy Tunney strolls along the shores of Lough Erne (r)
2.00 **News** and weather, followed by **Seven Ages.** Ron Eyre looks at life between the ages of 40 and 55
3.00 **News** and weather, followed by **Jam Today.** A report on Support in Debt, a self-help scheme for those who owe money (r). (Ceefax)
3.40 **Beauty is in the Eye.** Series of films examining different societies' concepts of beauty (r) 3.50 **News,** regional news and weather
4.00 **Film: Nearly a Nasty Accident** (1962, b/w). Flighty farce, without much style, about an accident-prone aircraft mechanic, starring Jimmy Edwards and Kenneth Connor. Directed by Don Chaffey
5.30 **Village Fete.** Michael Delahaye visits Norfolk and Oxfordshire villages to investigate the changing rural scene (r)
6.00 **Film: Somewhere Tomorrow** (1983). Touching drama about a young girl with emotional problems who bumps her head and meets the ghost of a boy who was killed in a plane crash. Starring Sarah Jessica Parker and Tom Shea. Directed by Robert Wolmer
7.30 **Business Matters: The One Dollar Bargain.** Ian Hamilton Fazey of the *Financial Times* reports on the success story of Peugeot Talbot. Wales: Gardening Together
8.00 **On the Line.** Documentary about football clubs which want to replace the police inside their grounds with private security firms
8.30 **A Year With Fred.** The life and times of Bolton steeplejack Fred Dibnah (r)
9.00 **The Travel Show.** Penny Junor and Matthew Collins give advice on getting away from it all in Estepona in Spain and St Andrews and East Fife in Scotland



Heralding the travelling circus: a clowning trumpeter (9.30pm)

9.30 **Under the Sun: Portraits From a Dreamshow.**
● CHOICE: The opening shots of Manjira Datta's film about an Indian travelling circus recall Fellini's *La strada*: a higgledy-piggledy parade of entertainers, led by a trumpet player, swaggers along a road. On reflection, the similarities between Datta's film and Fellini's do not end there. *La strada* was the quintessential film about heartbreak — the tears smudging the clown's cosmetic smile. *Portraits from a Dreamshow* is strong on heartbreak, too: the clown reflecting on how he lost the love of his life to a musician; another clown watching Chaplin on television and trying in vain to emulate his grimaces; the clown who once contemplated immersing his face in boiling water so that his dark skin would peel off and he could compete on equal terms with the fair-skinned foreigners who drew the bigger crowds. The film ends with a burst of mirthless laughter, but it has been there, implicitly, from the start. (Ceefax)
10.20 **Voices From the Doll's House: Rose the Domestic Servant.** Rose Ashton recalls how she was selected by a farmer at a hiring fair when she was 13 and expected to be both farmhand and domestic servant (r)
10.30 **Newsnight**
11.15 **Sound Shape.** Film exploring the talent of Chinese musical star Tan Dun and the creation of his composition *Soundshape*
11.45 **Not Necessarily.** Video art magazine 11.55 **Weather**
12.00 **Weekend Outlook.** A preview of Open University programmes. Ends at 12.10am

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6.00 **TV-am**
9.25 **Vicky the Viking** 9.50 **Thames News** and weather
9.55 **The Haunted School.** The final instalment of the drama series starring Carol Drinkwater as an English governess living in the Australian outback (r)
10.25 **Just For the Record.** The world's noisiest rock band and the amazing squirrels on skis (r) 10.50 **News** headlines and weather
10.55 **Adventures on Kythera II.** Episode four of the six-part children's adventure serial set on a Greek island 11.25 **Ox Tales.** Animation 11.55 **Thames News** and weather 12.00 **Disney Cartoon** featuring Goofy 12.10 **The Riddlers.** Children's puppet series (r)
12.30 **News** with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 **Thames News** and weather
1.20 **Home and Away.** (Oracle) 1.50 **A Country Practice.** Drama serial set in and around a rural Australian medical centre
2.20 **Anything Goes.** The leisure magazine today covers south Devon's coastline, moorland and the historic town of Totnes; Anthea Turner goes to Greenwich to visit a fan museum; and Paul Barnes is in Staffordshire 2.50 **All Clued Up.** David Hamilton's guessing game for married couples
3.15 **News** and weather 3.20 **Thames News** headlines 3.25 **The Young Doctors.** Australian soap set in a large city hospital
3.55 **Scooby Doo** 4.15 **Disney's Duck Tales** 4.40 **Fun House.** Slapstick game show (r)
5.10 **Who's the Boss?** American domestic sitcom starring Tony Danza
5.40 **News** with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 **Thames Help.** Jackie Spreckley concludes her series on healthy eating advice
6.00 **Home and Away** (r). (Oracle) 6.30 **Thames News** and weather
7.00 **Emmerdale.** Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)
7.30 **Survival — The First 30 Years.** Re-runs from the excellent nature series. A visit to the wilderness of northern India, home of the Manas Tiger Reserve which protects 21 endangered species. (Oracle)
8.00 **The Bill: The Last Laugh.** Superior police drama. Inspector Monroe is not amused when a practical joke by Garrod has PCs Quinnan, Garfield, Stamp and Stringer dashing off to the scene of a supposed robbery. (Oracle)
8.30 **Wheel of Fortune.** Game show hosted by Nicky Campbell and Carol Smillie



Soliciting change: Jimmy Smits as Sifuentes (9.00pm)

9.00 **LA Law.** One hundredth episode of the glossy American legal drama series. Kuzak is angry when Brackman's term as temporary senior partner is lengthened, Sifuentes is thinking about changing jobs, Rollins goes after a Japanese-owned firm and Becker is suffering from a guilty conscience. (Oracle)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Trevor McDonald and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 **Thames News** and weather
10.40 **Summer Season: Blues In The Night.** In this television version of a Broadway show, three women look back over their lives and loves as they spend the night in a run-down Chicago hotel room. They express these experiences through the classic jazz and blues songs of the Twenties and Thirties. Starring Carol Woods-Coleman, Debby Bishop, Maria Friedman (r)
11.40 **Prisoner: Cell Block H.** Drama set in an Australian women's remand centre
12.30am **The Twilight Zone: Something in the Walls.** A doctor in a mental institution tries to unlock the puzzle of an apparently sane woman who guards a dreadful secret
1.00 **World Chess Championship.** *The Times*'s chess correspondent Raymond Keene brings you up to date with news and analysis as the quarter-finals reach the half-way stage
1.15 **In the Heat of the Night.** American deep south drama series starring Carroll O'Connor and Howard Rollins. A young boy becomes an unlikely murder suspect in a case implicating his grandfather
2.10 **Film: Forbidden To Know** (1973). A taut French thriller with a twist. Jean-Louis Trintignant stars as a lawyer investigating a murder in a seedy Paris suburb and finding some hidden connections with a leading politician. Directed by Nadine Marquand-Trintignant
4.00 **Funny Farm.** Stand-up comedy from Scotland
4.30 **America's Top Ten** (r)
5.00 **Videofashion.** Early morning haute couture (r)
5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Brenda Rowe. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **The Channel Four Daily**
9.25 **The World At Your Feet.** In the first of five programmes which follow walks along wilderness trails, viewers are taken through Australia's Bellenden Ker rain forest (r)
10.25 **Famous for 4 Minutes** (r)
10.30 **Flight Over Spain.** Teruel from the air (r). (Teletext)
11.00 **Power in the Pacific.** First in a four-part documentary series exploring the superpower battles for supremacy in the Pacific (r)
12.00 **Profiles of Nature.** Documentary about the life cycle of the Rocky Mountain goat
12.30 **Business Daily** 1.00 **Sesame Street** (r)
2.00 **On the March.** Fred Halliday introduces an edition of *March of Time* from July 1951, which reported on Western attitudes to Iran's secular nationalism under Mosadeq (r)
2.30 **Film: Bell Bottom George** (1944, b/w). Witless wartime comedy starring George Formby, who pretends to be a sailor and exposes a spy ring. With Anne Firth, Reginald Purdell and Charles Farrell, directed by Marcel Varnel 4.20 **Magoo Goes Skiing.** Cartoon
4.30 **Countdown** 5.00 **Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon version
5.05 **The Oprah Winfrey Show.** Oprah talks to a family who lived through a real-life poltergeist experience
6.00 **The Marshall Chronicles.** American comedy series about the life and times of a Manhattan teenager
6.30 **Our Olympics.** First of two programmes following the Special Olympics for athletes with varying degrees of disability
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather 7.50 **Comment**
8.00 **Flowering Passions: The Amazing Technicolour Garden.** In the last programme of the series, Anna Pavord meets John Hubbard, an artist well known for his use of colour, and Christopher Lloyd, green-fingered guru of gardening writers. (Teletext)
8.30 **Rising Damp.** Classic Seventies sitcom with Leonard Rossiter as the lustful landlord of a seedy boarding house. This week he decides it is time he told Miss Jones (Frances de la Tour) about his true feelings for her. (Teletext)
9.00 **The Quiet Killer.**
● CHOICE: Don't waste time puzzling over which of the two big international awards won by Paol Martinsen's documentary — the 1988 Prix Europa and the 1989 Prix Italia — is the more important. Save your head-scratching for the film itself; you'll need it. Martinsen gives a thriller's edge to his account of a young Turk's stabbing to death of his sister-in-law outside her Copenhagen home in 1986. Leading up to, and away from, the 29 fatal stab wounds is a labyrinth of revenge into which two families — different branches but the same trunk — are locked. It is the Turkish equivalent of the Sicilian mafia. "Someone who kills for honour is a man of honour", is the ancient Turkish belief confided to the two Turkish anthropologists who enter the labyrinth, seeking clues in the killer's defence. But Dutch law didn't see it that way when sentence was passed at the end of act one of a drama which, if indeed it ever ends, promises to be as bloody as *Macbeth*. (Teletext)



Losing his grip on reality: Brian Dennehy's architect (10.00pm)

10.00 **Film: The Belly of an Architect** (1987).
● CHOICE: Rest assured that you won't be alone if you fail fully to appreciate the visual richness of Peter Greenaway's film at one sitting, or find a way out of its psychological maze. The only reason you could not say with finality that it is possibly the most complex British film of the past decade is that Greenaway's earlier film *The Draughtsman's Contract* competes for the honour. And yet, at plot level, *The Belly of an Architect* is straightforward enough. With his younger wife (Chloe Webb), an American architect (Brian Dennehy) goes to Rome to mount an exhibition honouring an obscure 18th century French architect. He is wracked by stomach pains and, as he gradually loses his grip on reality, is convinced that his (unfaithful) wife is trying to poison him. Greenaway says his film is an attempt to explore all the different means by which art has reproduced the human form. Use reproduction as your Rosetta stone, then, and reading *The Belly of an Architect* should be easier. (Teletext)
12.15am **The Manor Of Ulloa.** Episode two. Witchcraft, religion, politics and passion are woven together in this primal four-part drama series set in Galicia in 1880. In Spanish with English subtitles. Ends at 1.10

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 8.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.45 Anything Goes 11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.10am Climb to Kilimanjaro 2.40 Donahue 1.35 Film: Touch and Go 3.10 New Music 4.10 A Really Fast Lady! 4.30 Coach 5.00-5.30 My Secret Identity

BORDER
As London except: 10.25am-10.50 Crown Green Bowling 11.25-11.55 Crown Green Bowling 1.50-2.20 Crown Green Bowling 2.50-3.15 Crown Green Bowling 3.25-3.55 Crown Green Bowling 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Thursday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.35 Married...With Children 12.05am Film: The Devil Rides Out 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Sports Action 3.50 Film: Gordon, the Black Pirate 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 6.25-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 1st Night 8.30-9.00 The Best of Tommy Cooper 10.40 Married ...With Children 11.10 The Sweeney 12.10 The Law and Harry McGraw 1.05 Video View 1.35 America's Top Ten 2.05 Bhangra Beat 2.35 Raw Power 3.35 Live on Stage With... 4.35-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA
As London except: 10.25am-10.50 Crown Green Bowling 11.25-11.55 Crown Green Bowling 1.50-2.20 Crown Green Bowling 2.50-3.15 Crown Green Bowling 3.25-3.55 Crown Green Bowling 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Families 11.35 Visual Search 12.05 Film: The Devil Rides Out (Christopher Lee, Charles Gray) 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Sports Action 3.50 Film: Gordon, the Black Pirate (Ricardo Montalban) 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 The West Tonight 11.25-11.40 HTV Weekend Outlook

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Welsh Learner of the Year 10.40 Sparky 11.10-11.40 Getting Them Early

TSW
As London except: 3.20pm-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Married...With Children 11.05 Bare Faced Cheek 12.05 Film: The Devil Rides Out (Christopher Lee, Charles Gray) 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Sports Action 3.50 Film: Gordon, the Black Pirate 5.25-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Floodlit Cricket 12.30am Night Heat 1.30 Love American Style 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 CinemAttractions 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Music Makers 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am-1.00 Jake and the Fatman

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Gardening Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Robson's People 10.40 A Woman's Place 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05 Film: The Devil Rides Out 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Sports Action 3.50 Film: Gordon, the Black Pirate 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Police Six 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 The Entertainers 11.15 Breakthroughs 11.45 Pop Profile 12.05 Film: The Devil Rides Out 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Sports Action 3.50 Film: Gordon, the Black Pirate 5.25-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Sbectel 9.30 Lewsyn Lwcus 9.55 Sesame Street 10.55 Film: Three Men In a Boat 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Flight Over Spain 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Check Out 2.30 Film: Bell Bottom George 4.20 Maggie Goes Skiing 4.30 Kats and Allie 5.00 The Cosby Show 5.30 Abdhirysomething 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.35 Now You're Talking 7.00 Glas Y Dorlan Y 7.30 Galwch Acw 8.00 Wedio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Outside Time 9.25 Kingdoms of the East 10.25 Rising Damp 10.55 Film: Les Amants" (Jeanne Moreau, Jean-Marc Bory, Alain Cuny) 12.40am Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 11.00am Mass 12.00 Close 3.05 News followed by The Love Boat 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Carson's Law 5.15 Masterworks 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.30 Garda Patrol 6.40 European Folk Tales 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 Greenfingers 8.05 Matlock 9.00 News 9.20 Today Tonight 9.55 American Chronicles 10.15 Cagney and Lacey 11.05 Bellamy's Bird's Eye View 11.35 News 11.45 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Different Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 Full House 8.30 Murphy Brown 9.00 China Beach 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Designing Women 11.00 St Elsewhere 12.00 Night Court 12.30am Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 Dayline 10.30 The World — A Television History 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Getaway 3.30 Our World: Ark on the Move 4.30 The World — A Television History 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 The World — A Television History 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Our World 4.30 The World — A Television History

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Oh God! (1977): The Supreme Being picks an innocuous supermarket manager to announce his Second Coming
12.00 Cindy Eller (1985): A modern-day version of the *Cinderella* tale
1.00pm Wanted: The Perfect Guy: A teenage boy acts as a matchmaker for his lovesick mother, leading to his own romantic encounters
2.00 Words By Heart (1986): A black family encounters prejudice in a small community at the turn of the century
4.00 The Lady Vanishes (1979): A comedy-mystery remake of Hitchcock's classic
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Battle Beyond the Stars (1980): A space-age version of the *Seven Samurai*
8.00 Sing (1989): Two teenagers enter the annual Brooklyn song and dance contest
9.40 Projector
10.00 Graveyard Shift 2 (1988): Silvio Oliviero stars as a centuries-old vampire who sinks his teeth into the lead part of a modern horror movie
11.35 Red Heat (1988): A Soviet cop (Arnold Schwarzenegger) and his Chicago counterpart (James Belushi) team up to track down a Russian drug-dealer
1.20am Lock Up (1989): A convict is transferred to a high-security prison
3.05 Burndown (1985): A journalist suspects a cover-up following a nuclear meltdown and a series of bizarre murders
4.30 Little Girl Lost (1986): A foster family fight to regain custody of their adopted daughter. Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
8.15am Into the Blue (1950, b/w): Comedy charting the adventures of a stowaway
9.15 Banana Splits In Hocus Pocus Park: The Banana Splits rescue a young girl who has been impressed by a wicked witch
9.20 The Adventures of Robin Hoodnik: Cartoon based on the legend of Robin Hood
10.15 The Gentle Gunman (1952, b/w): Two brothers, both IRA sympathisers, clash when one of them decides to give up the cause. Starring Dirk Bogarde
12.15pm The Spirit Is Willing (1967): Comedy in which Sid Caesar and family spend the summer in a haunted house
2.05 Harlow (1965) Biopic of the Thirties screen goddess Jean Harlow. Starring Carroll Baker
4.15 Yogi's Great Escape: Cartoon
6.15 The Black Stallion (1979). A young boy and a magnificent horse are shipwrecked
8.00 Henry V (1989): Kenneth Branagh's adaptation of Shakespeare's classic play
10.15 Cinema Paradiso (1989): The nostalgic memories of a film director, whose Sicilian childhood was influenced by the magic of the local cinema. Starring Philippe Noiret
12.20am Checking Out (1989): An airline executive is convinced that he is about to drop dead. Starring Jeff Daniels
1.55 Why Would I Lie? (1980). Treat Williams stars as a social worker and compulsive liar
3.40 Tropic of Cancer (1970). An American author's erotic adventures in Twenties Paris. Starring Rip Torn Ends at 5.10

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
1.00pm American Sports Cavalcade 2.00 NatWest Bank Trophy Semi-Finals 4.00 Australian Rugby League 6.00 Wimbledon Tennis Finals: Doubles 8.00 Primetime Wrestling 9.30 Red Line 10.30 Wimbledon Tennis Finals: Mixed and Women's Doubles 12.30am Torque

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Cycling: World Championships from Stuttgart 2.30 Motor Racing 3.30 Ice Hockey: USSR v USA 5.00 Motorsport News 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Cycling from Stuttgart 7.30 Mountain Bike Racing from Denmark 8.00 Ice Hockey: France v Sweden 10.00 Football from Amsterdam 11.30 Eurosport News: Cycling. Tour of The Netherlands

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am European Swiss Masters Rallycross 8.00 Pro Superbike 8.30 Moto News 9.00 World Professional Billiards 10.00 Pro Surfing Tour 10.30 Budweiser Jet Ski Tour 11.00 World Snooker Classics 1.00pm Motor Sport 1.30 Amateur Cycling 2.00 Major League Baseball 4.00 NBA Basketball 5.00 AC Delco Stock Car Racing 6.00 Motor Sport Nascar 7.00 Motor Sport 8.00 Argentine Soccer 9.00 Speedway 10.00 Rugby World Cup 11.00 US PGA Golf Tour 12.00 Dublin Horse Show Highlights

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Great Chefs of New Orleans 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Style File 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 Focus on Britain 3.10 White Shadow 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 The Betty White Show 4.40 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 1

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather; News
7.00 Morning Concert: Victoria (Vidi speciosam); Respighi (Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite No 2)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Ravel (Alborada del gracioso); Walton (Through Gilded Trellises); Boccherini (Fandango); Albéniz (Suite, Iberia)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Purcell (Voluntary in D minor; My Heart Is Inditing; Sonata No 2 in B flat; Lord, How Long Wilt Thou Be Angry?; Sonata No 7 in E minor; They That Go Down to the Sea In Ships; Chacony in G minor; Voluntary in G)
9.35 Songs without Words: Rachmaninov, arr Dubensky (Vocalise); Mendelssohn (Songs without Words, Op 19); Roussel (Vocalise No 1); Beethoven (Variations o Là ci darem la mano); Roussel (Vocalise No 2); Britten (String Quartet No 3); Mozart (Variations on Ah, vous dirai-je, Maman); Fauré (Vocalise); Chopin (Variations on Non più mesta); Mendelssohn (Songs without Words, Op 85); Ravel (Vocalise en forme d'Habanera); Beethoven (Variations on a Theme from Judas Maccabeus)
11.35 BBC SO under Andrew Davis performs Mozart (Symphony No 31 in D, Paris, K 297); Ravel (Piano Concerto in G: Anne Queffelec); Ireland (A London Overture); Nielsen (Symphony No 2, The Four Temperaments) 1.00pm News
1.05 The Last of the Troubadours: New London Consort under Philip Pickett perform chansons by Adam de la Halle, interspersed with excerpts from his pastourelle Le Jeu de Robin et Marion (r)
2.00 Ruth Geiger: The pianist plays Schumann (Six Intermezzi, Op 4); Bartók (Suite for piano, Sz 62)
2.35 Mozart's Early Operas: In the fourth of eight programmes, Paris-Sorbonne University Choir, Concerto Armonico under Jacques Grimbert perform *Ascanio in Alba*, the 15-year-old's festive opera from 1771. Sung in Italian. With Lorna Windsor, soprano, as Venus; Michael Chance, counter-tenor, as Ascanio
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure 7.00 News
7.05 New Voices: The sixth of eight poetry readings by new writers from the Voice Box in London's Festival Hall. Michael Gorman reads from a selection of his work, including *Postcards from Galway* and *Waiting for the Sky to Fall*
7.30 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC Scottish SO under Takuo Yuasa performs Berlioz (Overture, Beatrice and Benedict); Shostakovich (Concerto for piano, trumpet and strings: with David Owen Norris, piano, Nigel Boddice, trumpet)
8.05 Robert Herrick
● CHOICE: "The cunningly crafted songs of Herrick are potent with us like good wine . . . " is part of a poem written and read during the Proms interval by Gavin Ewart to mark the poet and cleric's 400th anniversary. Best remembered for "Gather Ye Rosebuds While Ye May", but neglected today, Herrick is recalled with some of his poems read by Robert Stephens. Some nice asides, too: he once threw his sermon at an inattentive congregation and taught his favourite pig to drink out of a tankard. Swinburne called him "the greatest songwriter ever born of English race"
8.25 Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great)
9.30 Street Corner Man: Sean Barret reads Jorge Luis Borges's tale of skulduggery in a South American backwater
9.55 Sonorities 1991: The first of five recordings from this year's 20th century music festival in Belfast, Esbjerg Ensemble under Frans Rasmussen performs Britten (Sinfonietta, Op 1); Bent Sorensen (Shadowland); Palle Gudmundsen-Holmgren (Near and Distant); Nielsen, arr Hans Abrahamsen (Three Piano Pieces, Op 59)
11.00 Bix's Gift: In the second of six programmes, Mel Hill examines the collaboration between the American cornet player Bix Beiderbecke and the saxophonist and arranger Frank Trumbauer (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Mendelssohn (r)

RADIO 2

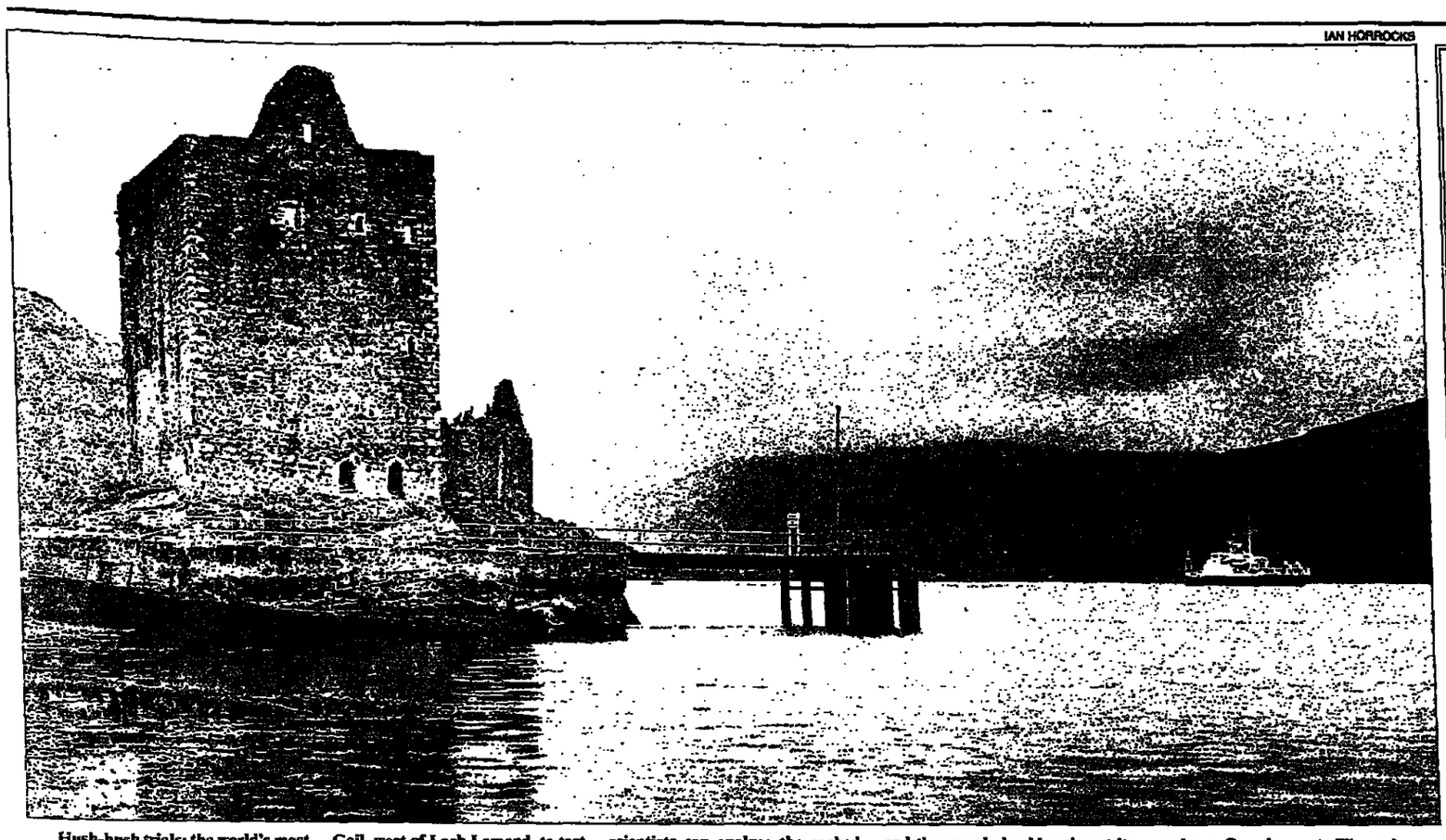
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5.56am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl at 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, with Brian Redhead and Sue MacGregor, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.43 Down With Skool! and How to be Topp, by Geoffrey Willans and Ronald Searle (3 of 7) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Punters: Susan Marling helps listeners to report on a variety of issues
9.45 Upsetting the Applecart: The Finger of God. John Simpson, the BBC's foreign affairs editor, begins a series of four talks on the events of 1989 and 1990. In the first programme, he examines the breaching of the Berlin Wall and the role of President Gorbachev as the common denominator of change
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm investigate the origins of the modern cow
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; J. Kingston Pfaff: Dick Turpin. Third in a series of seven showbusiness reminiscences. Written and performed by Peter Jones (r)
11.25 Singular Scots: Bill McCue, Opera Singer. The first of five programmes in which Joanna Buchan meets Scottish people who have excelled in their chosen field
11.50 First Person: Monica Porter returns to Hungary with her father after a 34-year absence
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Debbie Thrower
12.25pm Quote . . . Unquote: Nigel Rees chairs the quotation game. With Simon Brett, Arnold Brown, Sue MacGregor and Mark Steyn (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Frances Byrnes meets disabled dancers; and there is an interview with the actress Sally Field
3.00 News; Dancing In the Dark: Elizabeth Mickery's tale of how a railcrash victim attempts to come to terms with her accident through the speculative investigation of an ambitious policeman. With Joanna Mackie as Katrina and Russell Dixon as Benfield (s)
4.00 News
4.05 A Good Read: Edward Blishen invites Libby Purves and Nigel Forde to talk about four of their favourite paperbacks (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope reviews the week's new film releases, including *Paris Trout* and *Naked Tango*; and meets the crime writer Sarah Paretsky (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 The Loved One: Hollywood, 1947. Concluding a three-part adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's novel. With Rupert Graves and Miranda Richardson (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Four Seasons: Summer. Phil Smith on the impact of summer on everyday life
8.00 No Place Like Home: Black people in Britain talk of their struggle to secure an identity in an often unwelcoming society
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Ted Harrison presents the magazine for the disabled
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White (s) 9.58 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Growing Up with Grandma. *Grandma at the Rugby* is the fourth of five short stories by Hamish Whiteley. Read by Richard Pearce
11.00 Peeler: Fifth in a six-part crime series set in 1830, a year after the Metropolitan Police Act created the "Peelers". Written by Patrick Carroll (s)
11.30 Ulysses: Episode 12 of a 16-part adaptation of James Joyce's epic novel
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

RADIO 3

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Nasle James (FM only) 6.00 Gary King 9.00 Bates's Mates: Pet Shop Boys 11.00 The Radio 1 Roadshow from St Ives 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies: Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.00 Top of the Pops (with B

IAN HORROCKS



Hush-hush trials: the world's most advanced survey ship, the £35-million James Clark Ross, launched by the Queen last December, undergoing trials on a remote Scottish loch. The vessel needs the peace and quiet of Loch Goil, west of Loch Lomond, to test its own acoustic quietness (Robin Young writes). Absence of noise radiated under water by the ship and its motors is vital for the remote sensing devices and echo sounders aboard with which scientists can analyse the seabed or identify shoals of fish or krill without seeing them. When the two weeks of trials by the shipbuilders, Swan Hunter, are complete the James Clark Ross will be delivered to the British Antarctic Survey, and the vessel should arrive at its Antarctic station to replace the 35-year-old research ship John Biscoe in time for the southern summer. The ship has a strengthened hull and can move through ice almost a metre thick at two knots an hour. Carrying up to 77 people, it can operate in temperatures as low as minus 40 deg C. It has heeling tanks which enable it to roll from side to side to prevent it from becoming trapped in pack ice.

No official holiday please, we're Indian



INDIA is officially on holiday today, Independence Day, and Shah Jahan's Red Fort in the teeming old city of Delhi has been cleaned and secured in preparation for the prime minister's speech from the ramparts. The nation's dignitaries will be alongside him, suffering in the heat.

All India Radio will carry the speech to the people, most of whom will not listen. The generally unloved national anthem, *Jana-Gana-Mana*, will stir few and for the most part rural India, where 80 per cent of the people live, will go about its business without interruption. Independence Day is one of those city celebrations, like Republic Day, that leave the real India cold.

Every region has it own religious festivals, some involving millions of people, and it is these ancient events that touch the lives of most Indians, rather than the pomp of the modern holidays. Hinduism, through its festivals, relieves the harshness of village life, bringing a sense of celebration missing from the bleak cities, which will largely close today. Villages in dour neighbouring countries ought to be jealous of the way rural India throws itself a party a dozen times a year.

The national anthem will get an airing (although it will not be heard much in Punjab and Kashmir, which have secessionist wars) although it is not generally held in great affection. Nehru chose it, no doubt regarding it as politically safe. It was written by Rabindranath Tagore, the Bengali poet and winner of the 1913 Nobel literature prize. Some think it was written to commemorate George V's visit in 1911. The writer vigorously denied this but the controversy lives. Most Hindus prefer the rousing song of the independence movement, *Bande Mataram* (Long Live the Motherland), although Muslims generally suspect that "the motherland" refers to a Hindu India.

Such controversies do not overshadow the real Indian holidays such as Dusshera, Diwali and Holi — occasions that are untouched by politics and which reach even the poorest villages. These and other festivals provide mini-holidays for people for whom holidays away are out of the question. Today will not affect the routine of these 600 million villagers. It hardly matters to them that the banks are closed.

Some well-to-do Indians will flee to the hills for a long weekend away from the clammy monsoon heat, although the Raj-era hillstations like Simla have become filthy and overcrowded. Foreign holidaymakers are thin on the ground, despite "Visit India Year 1991," which has been a flop. This is partly because India has suffered from bad publicity over Kashmir. The assassination of Rajiv Gandhi has clinched the unjustified view that India is dangerous.

In one respect it is hostile. Many travel agents who were brought to India by the government got gastro-enteritis in five-star hotels. And some representatives of the Guild of British Travel Agents had to be evacuated, so lethal was the curry.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

Lorry lobbyists oppose 50mph motorway limit

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

EUROPEAN Commission proposals to impose a 50mph motorway speed limit on heavy goods vehicles would mean huge cost increases for the road haulage industry, the Freight Transport Association said yesterday.

The elimination of the speed difference between different road categories would encourage lorries to abandon motorways and use shorter-distance A-road routes, with serious implications for road safety, the association said.

The unpublished draft directive, agreed by Commission officials in July, calls for the introduction of speed limiters — a device preventing vehicles from exceeding a set speed limit — on all heavy goods vehicles over 12 tonnes built since January 1985. The measure is designed to end variations in European goods vehicle speed limits in anticipation of the completion of the single European market in December 1992. Britain now has a 60 mph limit. Belgium 56; Denmark 44; Germany 55; France 50; Greece 38; Ireland 35; Italy 50; Luxembourg 38; The Netherlands 50; Spain 63; and Portugal 50.

Last month Parliament approved legislation requiring speed limiters, set at 60mph, to be fitted to all new lorries over 7.5 tonnes from August 1992. If the Council of Ministers accepted the Commission's proposals, Britain's lorry speed limit would have to be revised downwards.

The Freight Transport Association said the proposal would cost the road haulage industry up to £884 million a year, much of it for extra lorries to make up for the lost vehicle productivity resulting from lower speeds.

In addition, the association said, the billions of pounds spent on Britain's motorways would be undermined by eliminating the cost benefits to industry of using them. "The incentive for heavy goods vehicles to use motorways would be seriously undermined where alternative more direct routes exist." A 20mph speed differential between lorries and cars using the same motorways would increase the risks of collisions, particularly on two-lane motorways where vehicles often change lanes, it said.

Roger Higman, transport campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said heavy goods vehicles had one of the lowest accident records, but the injury rate was high when they were involved in a collision. "Lower lorry limits would be likely to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries."

Britons on the beach tarnish Majorca's new holiday image

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they know the island is full, no beds. But for them it makes no difference. They prefer to sleep out. The mess I have to clear in the morning is disgusting: syringes, empty bottles and half-eaten food. They do not care about the families who use the beach when the sun comes up."

John, from Wolverhampton, could not care less. "We come here to Magaluf to have a good time. We spend loads in the bars. Without us Majorca would go under. What are they complaining about?"

Sharon, John's girlfriend, does not like sleeping on the beach. She does not enjoy being bitten by sand flies or roused by the Guardia Civil in the small hours. "I have told John that if we spent the money he lashes out on drink and hash at a hotel, we would come home with a nice even tan and no big lumps from the bugs. But he just will not listen," she says.

At 5am a Guardia Civil patrol cruises past the beach. Reefers are extinguished and lust is put on the back burner, temporarily.

Trevor, aged 24, from Reading, is outraged by the intrusion. "You would think they had something better to do. There is so much crime in Magaluf, and most of it is down to the locals. Why don't they nick them instead of harassing us?" he asks.

As dawn comes up over the beach the exodus begins. Rolling up his sleeping bag, Paul James from Clapton, east London, says: "Time for the breakfast wet. Start the day as you intend to continue." His girlfriend Maggie, looks away and rolls her eyes.

Breakfast for Paul and the other beach bums is "a large vodka and tonic, chief, and light on the tonic" at Raphael and Mario's, just off the beach. The bar is open 24 hours a day, and the staff have become used to their customers' sometimes bizarre behaviour.

Shortly after 7am a pretty girl in her 20s is pushed off a stool by her boyfriend. He pours his pint of beer over her. Three young men at the table follow suit and, for good measure, squirt her with tomato ketchup and mustard.

Majorcan hotel owners on the island are now actively discouraging British tourists. And who can blame them?

A-level pass rates reach record

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social sciences, which are now up to 11.3 per cent, while the sciences are stuck at their original level."

Professor Smithers said that competition from business and industry for good graduates in science and mathematics had hit schools hard until the recession encouraged more high-fliers to opt for teaching. "People who have gone into teaching in these subjects have not always been the most exciting characters, and this has had an effect on the numbers at A-level."

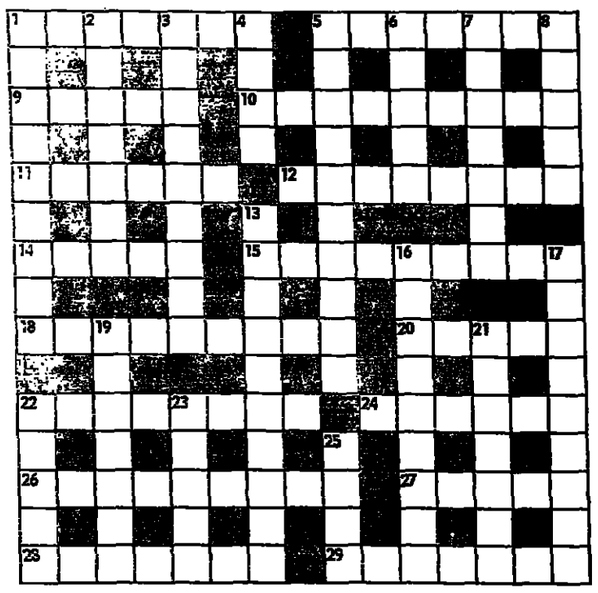
The successful candidates face as hard a task as ever to secure a place in higher education. Universities expect to offer places to about half of their 230,000 applicants, while polytechnics and colleges also have two applicants for every place. Higher education institutions have had the results for several days, and will be sending out their first offers to students today. The "clearing" systems to allocate unfilled places will begin next week.

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Test drive a Proton, sir? Fancy a spin in a Kia? While the sales of other cars plummet with the recession, those of a favoured few makes have gone from strength to strength. Proton, the Malaysian manufacturer, has sold 7,000 cars in Britain this year. Kia, the new car from Korea, has been here for two months and looks as though it could build the same strong following. Both models share the same strength: Japanese technology. But unlike the Japanese their sales are unhindered by quotas.

In *The Times* tomorrow Kevin Eason tries out a Kia and assesses the latest threat to Britain's motor manufacturers

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,685



ACROSS

1 Ill-fated king removed and arraigned (7).
5 Drinker who gives a pourboire — about a pound (7).
9 He might take a sort of bath by the river (5).
10 Lose no time with answer to clue needing little brilliance (9).
11 New pupils at school get consumption (6).
12 The cellar is stocked from this place of unremitting toil (4-4).
14 Heel over root of hydrangea in well-dug soil (5).
15 Poor Hilary perhaps has but a little time (5-4).
18 Inexpensive cape is poor quality (9).
20 Doctor leaving in the midst of general anxiety (5).
22 Lost one's stripes? Certainly refused admission (8).
24 Bowling team are in lawful possession of the ball (6).
26 Prays in an unusual posture to make a story (4,1,4).
27 Many hold the pound share (5).
28 Manage to write poem in Old English (7).
29 Undergo reform for reward (7).

DOWN

1 Godless robbery in heartless story (9).
2 His first letter is top of the column (7).
3 Whop with stick, perhaps, to get cattle moving (5-4).
4 Make tracks for the boat (4).
5 Elephant less cramped, we hear, in Alabama (10).
6 Direct one into parking place (5).
7 Brown coal left on fire (7).
8 Precocious article by artist (5).
13 Cut into a steak initially, and dined in state (10).
16 What you get when you go in the dining car — and its cost? (5,4).
17 Tapestry may well be so antique (4-5).
19 This waterfall shows the pull of a big attraction (3-4).
21 Screened and questioned (7).
22 Some undiscovered jockey may work here (5).
23 Enlarges papers (5).
25 Shooters turn up well protected from the cold (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,684

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

VIDAME
a. A jealous woman
b. A bishop's deputy
c. A nonsensical magical exclamation

RINGGIT
a. Bob Major triples
b. Malaysian unit of currency
c. The ring-tailed mongoose

MATACHIN
a. A forked beard
b. A chopping knife
c. A masked sword-dancer

ACROSPIRE
a. A cathedral spire
b. To breathe by osmosis
c. The first leaf

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AA ROADWATCH

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National motorways	737
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North-east England	743
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Northern Ireland	745

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WEATHER

Southern and eastern England will stay mostly dry with some sunny spells. Northern and western England and Wales will turn cloudy with a little rain and drizzle. Northern Ireland and much of Scotland will start cloudy and wet but all parts except northwest Scotland will turn brighter. Outlook: cloudy with rain in the north on Friday which will spread south on Saturday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: b=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	s	Majorca	29	84	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Malaga	29	84	f
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Malta	33	91	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Melb'rne	12	54	c
Athens	33	91	s	Mexico C*	-	-	-
Bahrain	36	97	s	Miami*	33	91	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Milan	27	81	f
Barbads*	30	86	s	Montreal*	28	82	s
Barcelna	28	82	s	Moscow	17	63	c
Belgrade	27	81	s	Munich	25	77	s
Berlin	21	70	s	Nairobi	19	66	c
Bermuda*	31	88	s	Naples	30	86	s
Biarritz	23	73	c	N Delhi	35	95	s
Borde'x	33	91	s	N York*	30	86	f
Brussels	22	72	s	Nice	26	79	s
Budapst	24	75	s	Oslo	21	70	s
B Aires*	17	63	s	Paris	27	81	f
Cairo	37	99	s	Peking	31	88	c
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Perth	18	64	s
Chicago*	27	81	s	Prague	21	70	s
Ch'church	17	63	c	Reykjavik	13	55	f
Cologne	23	73	f	Rhodes	29	84	s
C'phegn	19	66	f	Rio de J	22	72	c
Corfu	33	91	s	Riyadh	38	102	s
Dublin	17	63	f	Rome	29	84	s
Dubrovnik	31	88	s	Salzburg	25	77	s
Faro	25	77	c	S F'risco*	22	72	c
Florence	32	90	s	Santiago*	19	66	s
Frankfurt	23	73	f	S Paulo*	22	72	f
Funchal	23	73	s	Seoul	33	91	f
Geneva	27	81	c	Sing'por	31	88	s
Gibraltar	25	77	c	St'kholm	21	70	f
Helsinki	18	64	f	Strasb'rg	27	81	s
Hong K	30	86	f	Sydney	18	64	s
Innsbrck	23	73	s	Tangier	30	86	f
Istanbul	30	86	f	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Jo'burg*	15	59	s	Toronto*	28	82	s
Karachi	-	-	-	Tunis	30	86	f
L Palmas	25	77	s	Valencia	32	90	s
Le Touet	22	72	f	Vanc'ver*	17	63	c
Lisbon	29	84	s	Venice	28	82	s
Locarno	28	82	f	Vienna	24	75	s
London	24	75	f	Warsaw	20	68	f
L Angels*	28	79	c	Wash'ton*	30	86	f
Luxembg	23	73	s	Wel'ngton	14	57	c
Luxor	41	106	s	Zurich	27	81	s
Madrid	33	91	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.4	.02	21	70	shower
Anglesey	12.1	-	19	66	sunny
Belfast	8.1	-	19	66	sunny
Birmingham	10.6	-	22	72	sunny
Blackpool	11.5	-	19	66	sunny
Bournemouth	8.8	-	22	72	bright
Bristol	5.3	-	21	70	sunny
Buxton	9.1	-	20	68	sunny
Cardiff	3.0	.02	17	63	rain
Clacton	7.2	-	23	73	bright
Colwyn Bay	11.2	-	18	64	sunny
Cromer	11.2	-	19	66	sunny
Douglas	7.6	-	18	64	sunny
Edinburgh	4.2	-	19	66	bright
Eskdalemuir	4.7	-	17	63	bright
Exmouth	1.2	-	17	63	cloudy
Falmouth	0.4	.01	19	66	drizzle
Glasgow	1.5	-	17	63	cloudy
Guernsey	9.1	-	20	68	sunny
Hunstanton	11.1	-	21	70	sunny
Jersey	12.2	-	22	72	sunny
Kinloss	3.9	-	19	66	cloudy
Leeds	10.7	-	22	72	sunny
Lerwick	3.0	.20	15	59	bright
London	8.3	-	25	77	bright
Lowestoft	10.3	-	20	68	sunny
Morecambe	10.8	-	18	64	sunny
Newquay	1.0	.03	19	66	cloudy
Nottingham	11.4	-	22	72	sunny
Penzance	1.4	.01	19	66	shower
Plymouth	1.2	.06	17	63	drizzle
Salcombe	1.8	-	18	64	cloudy
Sandown	10.2	-	22	72	sunny
Saunton Snd	-	.05	17	63	drizzle
Scarborough	8.4	-	20	68	bright
Southend	9.5	-	23	73	sunny
St. Ives	2.5	-	19	66	cloudy
Stornoway	2.8	.06	17	63	shower
Teignmouth	1.8	.02	17	63	drizzle
Tenby	-	.05	18	61	drizzle
Tiree	2.4	-	17	63	cloudy
Torquay	1.6	-	21	70	cloudy
Weymouth	4.1	-	20	68	bright
Wick	4.0	.10	18	64	shower

These are Tuesday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.26	2.11
Austria Sch	21.65	20.15
Belgium Fr	63.25	59.25
Canada $	2.04	1.89
Denmark Kr		
Finland Mkk	7.51	7.06
France Fr	10.38	9.73
Germany Dm	3.065	2.865
Greece Dr	234.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	13.70	12.70
Ireland Pt	1.144	1.074
Italy Lira	2300.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	247.00	229.00
Netherlands Gld	3.45	3.23
Norway Kr	12.04	11.24
Portugal Esc	262.75	244.95
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.40
Spain Pta	180.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	11.19	10.44
Switzerland Fr	2.87	2.50
Turkey Lira	8100	7300
USA $	1.78	1.655
Yugoslavia Dnr		

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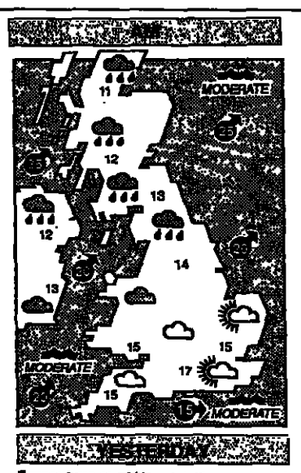
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	c	Guernsey	18	64	c
B'mngham	22	72	s	Inverness	18	61	c
Blackpool	19	66	f	Jersey	21	70	c
Bristol	22	72	s	London	24	75	f
Cardiff	22	72	f	M'nchster	20	68	s
Edinburgh	19	66	f	Newcastle	20	68	f
Glasgow	17	63	f	R'ridaway	17	63	f

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: London Weather Centre, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, 0.2 in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 12.2 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.24 pm to 6.42 am
Bristol 8.34 pm to 5.57 am
Edinburgh 8.51 pm to 5.45 am
Manchester 9.39 pm to 5.49 am
Penzance 8.42 pm to 5.12 am

Sun rises: 5.45 am
Sun sets: 8.24 pm
Moon rises: 12.52 pm
Moon sets: 9.57 p
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MANCHESTER

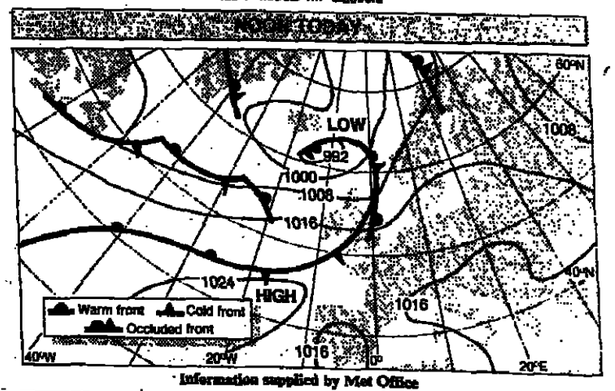
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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.8	7.1	6.19	7.0	Liverpool	3.15	9.3	3.36	8.7
Aberdeen	5.23	4.2	5.57	4.7	Lowestoft	1.43	2.2	1.41	2.5
Avonmouth	11.31	12.4	11.47	12.2	Margate	4.18	4.6	4.22	4.7
Belfast	3.13	3.6	3.42	3.1	Milford Haven	10.29	6.5	10.48	6.4
Cardiff	11.16	11.5	11.32	11.3	Newquay	9.23	6.5	9.42	6.4
Devonport	10.1	5.1	10.11	5.1	Oban	9.49	3.6	9.57	3.5
Dover	3.4	5.3	3.22	5.5	Penzance	9.8	5.2	9.19	5.2
Falmouth	9.31	4.9	9.41	4.9	Portland	11.10	2.0	11.22	1.9
Glasgow	4.42	5.2	5.15	4.6	Portsmouth	3.31	4.5	4.10	4.5
Harwich	4.0	3.9	4.11	4.0	Shoreham	3.15	6.0	3.36	6.1
Holyhead	2.20	5.5	2.46	5.1	Southampton	2.57	4.3	3.26	4.3
Hull	10.25	7.5	10.57	6.8	Swansea	10.34	8.9	10.52	8.8
Ilfracombe	10.17	6.6	10.34	6.4	Tees	7.53	5.4	8.24	4.9
King's Lynn	10.38	6.6	11.11	5.8	W'ton-on-Nze	3.54	4.1	4.5	4.2
Leith	6.57	5.4	7.23	5.1					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

NOW TODAY



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THURSDAY AUGUST 15 1991

London market closes at record

INVESTORS in London chased share prices to a new closing high despite mounting speculation that the Bundesbank will announce a rise in German interest rates today.

The FT-SE 100 index came within a whisker of its 2,612.4 trading best, reached last month, but a hesitant start in New York saw it close below that with a rise of 23.9 to a peak of 2,608.8. Its previous best of 2,601.7 was achieved on August 2.

Dealers say investors are convinced that a revival has begun in the economy as reflected by this week's production figures.

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Ultramar falls to £21m loss

Ultramar, the diversified UK oil and gas group, is cutting capital expenditure by 20 per cent to $385 million (£228 million) this year after a net loss of £21.6 million in the six months to end-June (net income of £24.6 million).

Stock losses arising from lower oil prices were £48.9 million. Ultramar, which has 87 per cent gearing, is also seeking a partner for its downstream operations in eastern Canada and is talking to several oil-producing nations. Losses per share were 5.8p (earnings 10.1p), but the interim dividend is held at 3.5p.

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Queens Moat

Interim pre-tax profits at Queens Moat Houses, the hotel group, fell 8.3 per cent to £36.2 million, despite by a strong contribution from its continental hotels where business has recovered more quickly from the effects of the Gulf war than it has in Britain. Operating profits in Germany rose 23 per cent in the six months to July 1. The interim dividend is increased by 10 per cent to 1.342p (1.22p).

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6890 (–0.0050)
German mark
2.9287 (–0.0036)
Exchange index
90.8 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
2033.3 (+11.0)
FT-SE 100
2608.8 (+23.9)
New York Dow Jones
3018.56 (+9.84)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23393.30 (+521.30)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Central TV	815p (+20p)
Carlton Comm	479½p (+13p)
MEPC	482½p (+14p)
Eurotunnel Units	461p (+12p)
Lloyds	385p (+12p)
British Aerospace	571p (+11p)
P Bilton	482½p (+25p)
British Land	308p (+10p)
Land Sec	513½p (+11p)
Scot TV	506½p (+12p)
Barclays	464p (+11p)
Bass	935½p (+12p)
Midland	245p (+10p)
Whitbread 'A'	504½p (+12p)
MJ Gleeson	785p (+10p)

FALLS:

Sothebys	787½p (–12p)
Cardiff Prop	200p (–13p)
Great Western Res	39p (–11p)
Presidio	225p (–15p)
Union Discount	289p (–14p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base. 11%
3-month Interbank $10^{31}/_{32}$-$10^{15}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $10^{7}/_{16}$-$10^{15}/_{32}$%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5½%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.31-5.29%*
30-year bonds $100^{1}/_{16}$-$100^{22}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6890	£: $1.6880*
£: DM2.9287	$: DM1.7350*
£: SwFr2.5631	$: SwFr1.5195*
£: FFr9.9710	$: FFr5.9015*
£: Yen230.72	$: Yen136.55*
£: Index90.8	$: Index66.4
ECU £0.699002	SDR £0.790837
£: ECU1.430613	£: SDR1.264483

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $356.50 pm-$355.85
close $356.00-356.50 (£210.75-211.25)
New York:
Comex $355.25-355.75*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) ..... $19.40 bbl ($19.50)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 June (1987=100)

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Labour attacks Major's 'secrecy' on BCCI enquiry

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE BCCI enquiry cannot be held in public, the prime minister has said, because doing so might prejudice the chances of a successful prosecution of those responsible for fraud. Labour countered last night that John Major was going back on his original assurance that the enquiry would be an "open" one and denied the need for "blanket secrecy".

Mr Major says in a letter to Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, disclosed yesterday by Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, that the government had originally given the "most careful consideration" to whether the evidence should be heard in public but had concluded that if Lord Justice Bingham was to be able to obtain a full account of what witnesses knew and what they did "then it simply was not practicable for him to be expected to take evidence in public".

Mr Major says that where evidence of fraud is uncovered, those concerned must be prosecuted with the "full vigour of the law". He claims "there is a risk that to hear the evidence of witnesses in public could imperil the chances of a successful and subsequent prosecution by the Serious Fraud Office". Secondly, he says, the Banking Act 1987 governs the disclosure of the material the Bank of England acquires in its supervisory functions. And thirdly, any evidence that Lord Justice Bingham chose to take from the security services would have to be kept secret. Mr Major's letter says it would not be "practicable or sensible" to hold a partially public inquiry.

In response to Mr Kinnock's complaint that the enquiry is not to be empowered to require the presence of witnesses or to take evidence on oath, Mr Major says that could only have been done if it had been set up on a statutory basis under the "time-consuming procedure" of the Tribunals of Inquiry Act, last used in 1978. He reaffirmed that he and other ministers would be answerable to the enquiry. He also stresses that he made it clear in the Commons on July 22 that the enquiry would not be in public.

Last night, Mr Hattersley replied, saying he could not accept the arguments for refusing to hold the enquiry in public, for refusing to provide it with statutory powers and for going back on the assurance to MPs that it would be "open". He accused Mr Major of being determined to obscure the facts, particularly the role of the Bank of England and Treasury ministers.

Mr Hattersley said American investigators would have the power to summon witnesses and obtain documents and would take evidence on oath. While he could see the need to hold some parts of the enquiry in private, he said that did "not justify blanket secrecy".

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North ready to lead upturn in the economy

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

INDUSTRIAL output is continuing to fall in Britain, as growing regional variations in optimism appear to confirm that the recession is reaching its low point. But manufacturing job losses are rising in all areas.

The findings come from regional analysis of data from the Confederation of British Industry's recent *Industrial Trends Survey*. It concluded that industrial output fell further in every region during the second quarter than business leaders expected. Two regions, however, the North and Northern Ireland, now expect orders to increase.

Charles Burton, of Business Strategies, which conducted the study with the confederation, said the muddled picture is typical of uncertainty about prospects which emerges as a recession begins to become a recovery.

It also confirms great variations in the way manufacturers around the country have been affected by recession, he said.

Andrew Sentance, the confederation's senior economist, said the findings were consistent with the beginning of a recovery in the economy before the year end, as forecast by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor.

Any recovery, however, was likely to begin in other sectors of the economy. The outlook for manufacturing remained difficult, Mr Sentance said.

That view was reinforced yesterday by figures from the Amalgamated Engineering Union showing the loss of 122,576 jobs in manufacturing this year. In the three months to August, 32,518 manufacturing jobs were lost, the union said.

The CBI/BSL analysis predicts that by the end of the third quarter, 291,000 manufacturing jobs will have been lost in just 12 months.

The hardest hit area is the Southeast, where the recession began. There, 96,000 jobs, or 7.8 per cent of the manufacturing total, will have been lost. East Anglia and the Northwest will have lost 6.6 per cent and 6.5 per cent of their manufacturing jobs, respectively.

Three factors appear to underlie the variations in the impact of the recession on manufacturing around the country, Mr Burton said. The overriding influence was the scale of consumer debt, which had caused high interest rates to bite hardest on domestic demand in the Southeast.

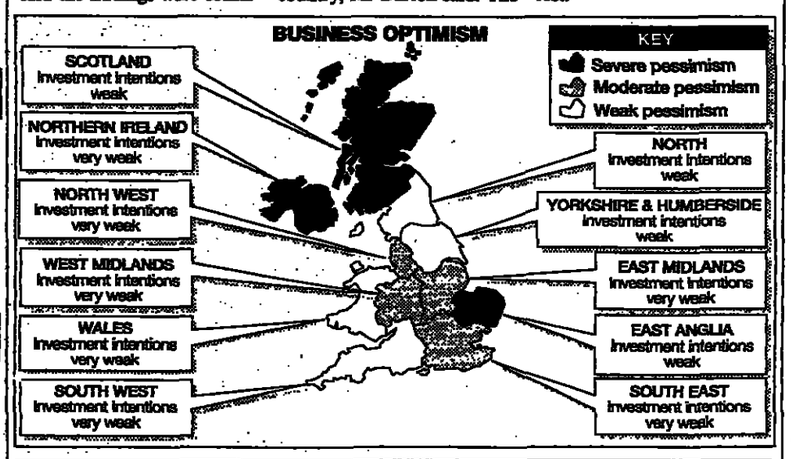
However, regions where manufacturers export a high proportion of their output, such as the North and Northwest had been better insulated.

That benefit may now be declining as growth in main export markets, especially Germany and France, slows.

Regions which concentrated on capital goods, such as production machinery and building materials, were initially protected, but are now vulnerable to deep cuts in investment as companies struggle to cut costs.

The failure of demand to live up to earlier expectations was most apparent in the West Midlands, where manufacturers produce a high proportion of investment goods and exports, along with Scotland and East Anglia.

None of the regions predicts a rise in output. Although Scotland's previous resilience appears to have been eroded, the North, Northwest and Yorkshire and Humberside expect smaller falls than the rest.



Warning words on the water front



Table talk: John Bellak (left) and Roderick Paul, chief executive, at yesterday's annual meeting in Birmingham

JOHN Bellak, chairman of Severn Trent, has given a warning to Ian Byatt, the water industry's financial regulator, that control of dividends paid by holding companies of water utilities is not his responsibility.

At the group's annual meeting, Mr Bellak welcomed Mr Byatt's announcement of an early review of the water utilities' charging limits and pledged full co-operation.

But he said: "It is also our intention to ensure that matters which are outside his purview do not slide by default into the realm of regulation, and that the interest of shareholders, the owners of the company, are fully protected." Severn Trent has diversified strongly into businesses outside price regulation.

Maxwell dealing secured by shares

By NEIL BENNETT

ROBERT Maxwell, the media entrepreneur, has used share holdings in Maxwell Communication Corporation and Mirror Group Newspapers, worth £105 million, as security to fund his international share dealing.

Goldman Sachs, the securities house, announced to the Stock Exchange yesterday that it holds a 10 per cent stake in MGN and 4.8 per cent of MCC as security for loans to Robert Maxwell Holdings and Bishopsgate Investment Trust, two of Mr Maxwell's private holding companies.

The shares come from the Maxwell family's 51 per cent controlling stake in MGN and the 69 per cent it owns in Maxwell Communication. Mr Maxwell has been forced to pledge the shares for a margin facility operated by Goldman. This allows him to borrow from the broking house to invest in other shares.

Goldman also admitted that it failed, due to an oversight, to disclose its interest in the MCC shares for five months; the agreement was signed last March.

Under the Companies Act, banks and Stock Exchange members do not have to reveal their security interests. Goldman Sachs International however, is neither, so had to make the disclosure. The margin facility against the MGN shares was agreed on Monday.

A Goldman executive refused to quantify the exact size of the loans but said that the firm was conservative in its lending policy.

Sources closed to Mr Maxwell stressed that he had not sold any of his shares.

Burton rights safe after early doubts

By OUR FINANCIAL STAFF

RIGHTS issues by Burton Group and Trafalgar House have proved successful and underwriters were not called on to take up any shares.

Almost 89 per cent of the £310 million Trafalgar issue of A shares was subscribed and the rest sold in the market at a premium. The A shares, which do not earn cash dividends for two years, were offered at 190p, a heavy discount to the ordinary.

Burton's success followed a hostile initial reaction from some analysts. Almost 88 per cent of the £161 million one-for-one issue was subscribed and the remainder placed at a premium of 8p a share over the 30p issue price.

During the life of the rights issue, Burton's shares touched the issue price, and it was thought it might attract applications of no more than 70 per cent. After spirited promotion, however, the issue attracted more general support. Burton shares rose 1p to 40.5p on the news.

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Hanson hits record £967m

By ANGELA MACKAY

HANSON, the Anglo-American industrial conglomerate, yesterday reported a 2.7 per cent improvement in third quarter pre-tax profits to £379 million, largely in line with analysts' forecasts. This boosts profits for the nine months ending June 30 to a record £967 million.

Most analysts said they believed the group was on target to produce pre-tax profits of between £1.3 billion and £1.35 billion for the full year, reflecting earnings per share of about 20.7. However, they were cautious about the dividend. In 1990, it rose 22 per cent but this year the rise is likely to be about half that.

Martin Taylor, a Hanson vice-chairman, said the company had not revised its expectations for the full year, based on either the third quarter results or trading so far in the fourth quarter. He said exchange rates were moving against the group but could move back the other way before the end of the year. Most of Hanson's debt is denominated in US dollars.

Mr Taylor said that net cash might be less at the end of the year than previously, but pointed out that the company had made a big investment in ICI shares during the period.

This was the only reference Mr Taylor made to the 2.8 per cent stake the company bought in May. He repeated that the company's stance had not changed from its statement two weeks ago after ICI announced interim results when Hanson said it wanted to see "real evidence" that ICI's restructuring would enhance shareholder value.

Lord Hanson, chairman, said he believed the recession had reached its nadir, "but its effects will be felt longer than most anticipated, probably for another 12 months".

Airfix sales shot down as tracer fire fades

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

WORLD peace has put a temporary frown on the face of Brian Edwards. Not that he's a warmonger, but as the chief salesman at Airfix he knows that tracer fire in the Iraq skies or the Star Wars-style illumination in the bombing of Baghdad sells more of his products than pictures of world leaders shaking hands.

"During the Gulf war, sales of our Tornado and Jaguar fighters soared 200 to 300 per cent," he said. "War can be good for sales. In the Falklands war we sold a lot of Harrier models." But when peace arrives, sales nosedive.

The story gets even worse: continued thawing of the cold war between America and Russia is hitting business all round. Mr Edwards added: "There won't be many new aircraft and tanks around for us to copy and sales of military models will fall."

Airfix, now owned by Borden, one of America's leading snack food makers, has faced tough times before. An early-Eighties attempt to gain a foothold in the exploding world of computer games lead it down the path to receivership. But the military side of the business is unlikely to hold back group sales, expected to show ghrowth of about 20 per cent for a third year.

Airfix was taken into the Humbrol Paints division of Borden in 1986. With Heller, its French model maker Airfix controls about 35 per cent of the $100 million European model kit market.

Mr Edwards, a quietly spoken Northern Irishman, dismisses computer games as a passing fad. "People are getting bored with dumb computer games, and we have noticed a back-to-basics trend where people go to their rooms and work on a plastic kit."

So Airfix is returning to what it describes as the basics, making civil planes, large scale replicas of historic galleons, and classic cars. "Our biggest growth area is the ½4th scale exotic cars, like Porsche and Farrari," he said.

It is all a world away from last autumn when the company's specialist model makers were glued to televisions across the country attempting to copy the most intricate detail of bombers, fighters and tanks in the scramble to bring new products to the market before peace arrived. Production time for new models was cut from months to weeks.

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P&D cuts stake in Mountleigh

PHILLIPS & Drew Fund Management has cut its stake in Mountleigh to under 3 per cent just three working days before Mountleigh's £96 million rights issue, underwritten by UBS Phillips & Drew Securities, closes. P&DFM said it breached the disclosure level at the end of July, three weeks after Mountleigh announced its two-for-one rights issue.

Meanwhile, the London Stock Exchange continues to examine the circumstances in which Nelson Peltz and Peter May, Mountleigh's chairman and joint managing director, sold half their 22.6 per cent stake to a Gordon Getty family trust in May.

Toyo arrest

OSAKA prosecutors have arrested Eiichiro Hayata, a finance company employee, as a third suspect in the fraudulent loan case involving the Toyo Shinkin Bank. On Tuesday prosecutors arrested a former Toyo Shinkin branch manager, who allegedly issued 13 false deposit documents worth Y342 billion (£1.48 billion), and a bank client.

Heath down

Samuel Heath & Sons, the hardware manufacturer, saw pre-tax profits fall to £377,000 (£1.06 million) in the year to end-March. Turnover declined to £7.22 million (£8.05 million). A maintained final dividend of 4p makes a total of 5.5p for the year.

Abingworth up

Pre-tax profits at Abingworth, the venture capital investment trust that plans to liquidate itself later this year, surged from £557,000 to £1.42 million in the year to end-June. Net asset value was an unchanged 379p. There is atotal net dividend of 4p for the year (1.5p). An interim dividend of 1.5p for the current period from July 1 to October 16 has also been declared.

Engineer slips

Pre-tax profits at North Midland Construction, the civil engineer, slipped to £452,000 (£527,000) in the six months to end-June. Earnings per share fell to 3.01p (3.43p), but the interim dividend is maintained at 0.5p.

BankAmerica merger may cost up to 20,000 jobs

UP TO 20,000 jobs are expected to go as a result of the $4.2 billion merger between BankAmerica and Security Pacific in a cost-cutting plan designed to save $1 billion and improve profits.

The 21 per cent cutback at what will be the largest bank in America after Citicorp brings the total job losses among America's banks to 60,000 since they began shedding staff last year in the biggest industry shake-up since the depression.

America's recession has cost more jobs in banking in just over a year than the Wall Street crash has cost in stockbroking jobs since 1987.

Neither BankAmerica nor Security Pacific will confirm how many jobs will go. Early independent estimates put the figure at 10,000, but other industry experts think this is just half the eventual total.

Professor J Kimball Dietrich at the University of Southern California School of Business Administration says that between 60 and 70 per cent of bank costs are represented by salaries and other staff benefits.

BankAmerica has said it will take a $700 million charge against profits as a result of the deal, much of it the cost of severance payments.

Professor Dietrich said: "They have got to be talking about 15,000 to 20,000 job losses. It will cost that many jobs if they are to achieve their savings of $1 billion.

"We are not talking factory workers here, these will be senior and middle managers, counter staff and computer operators."

At the very top, Richard Rosenberg, BankAmerica's chairman and chief executive will retain those titles in the merged operation, while Robert Smith, his opposite number at Security Pacific, is to be president and chief operating officer.

The banking job losses are likely to worsen as the industry reorganises. Analysts say that with Security Pacific snapped up, Wells Fargo, its West Coast rival, has little choice but to merge with First Interstate Bank.



Partners: Robert Smith (left) and Richard Rosenberg who will head the new bank

A recent survey by McKinsey & Co. the management consultants, predicts that 300,000 banking jobs will be lost in the next eight years. Citicorp has already announced 17,000 job cuts, and recent mergers will put more than 15,000 on the street.

McKinsey says by the year 2000 commercial banks will employ just 1.2 million, down from an industry peak of 1.55 million in 1985 and 1.5 million last year. Most of the cuts will come as a result of mergers between big American banks. Analysts estimate $853 billion worth of assets will change ownership before the smoke finally clears.

The takeovers provide a way for the weak to improve balance sheets and for the strong to prepare for industry reforms allowing banks a national branch network.

John Reed, chairman of Citicorp, has also acknowledged that without a partner, the $216.9 billion bank may not stay America's number one for long.

US price growth steady at 2.7%

Washington

AMERICAN consumer prices rose 0.2 per cent last month, but the underlying pace of inflation climbed by twice that, official data released yesterday showed.

The July increase in the Consumer Price Index matched June's and was the same as the average monthly gain recorded for the first six months of this year.

The index has advanced at a 2.7 per cent annual rate in the first seven months of the year, down from a brisk 6.1 per cent in 1990.

Excluding food and energy costs, the closely watched core rate of inflation rose 0.4 per cent, the same rate as in June. In the past 12 months, it has advanced 4.8 per cent.

The data had little impact on foreign exchange markets.

While economists said the slowing in overall retail inflation was welcome, they added that the stronger level of price gains excluding food and energy might delay any central bank effort to drive interest rates lower should the lacklustre recovery that began earlier this year falter.

A 0.9 per cent jump in clothing prices coupled with a 0.4 per cent gain in service costs accounted for much of the July rise in the core inflation rate, the Labour Department said. The core rate is considered a more reliable gauge of long-term inflationary trends.

The Federal Reserve has said that it expects retail prices to climb about 3.25 per cent this year, and the July figure kept the overall rate in that vicinity.

The Fed last week eased a key interest rate in face of signs that the recovery lacks vigour.

But most indicators are signalling that the recession is over, even if the upturn is dull. The Commerce Department said on Tuesday that retail sales rose for the third successive month in July and car sales advanced for three months in a row for the first time since the June-August period in 1989.

(Reuter)

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

VSEL buys Sealand to expand offshore

VSEL Consortium, the shipbuilding, armaments and engineering group, has expanded its operations for the offshore industry with the acquisition of Sealand Industries for £2.73 million in cash and shares. Loans amounting to £3.1 million are being refinanced by VSEL.

Sealand is involved in the design, manufacture, installation, service and repair of wellhead control equipment used by the upstream oil and gas industries. The company's products are also used in downstream petrochemical installations, power generation and telecommunications. Sealand made pre-tax profits of £177,000 in the year to end-March. Noel Davies, VSEL's chief executive, said the acquisition was an important step in VSEL's diversification.

Britannic lifts interim

BRITANNIC Assurance, the Birmingham life assurer, has increased its interim dividend for the first half of this year by 15 per cent to 9.2p on the back of strong rises in its premium income. The total of the group's ordinary branch premiums rose 36 per cent to £70.9 million, while unit-linked contributions increased by a quarter to £7.2 million.

Carbo shares leap on talks

SHARES in Carbo, the manufacturer of abrasives and plastics based in Manchester, soared 46p to 236p on the news that it is in discussions that may lead to an offer for the company. Carbo and its advisers would not comment further. Carbo announced in March pre-tax profits up 4 per cent to £4.74 million for the year to end-December.

Weather hits Vimto

THE poor weather in the first half of the year has depressed six-month sales at JN Nichols (Vimto), the soft drinks maker. However, increased interest income left interim pre-tax profits up by 2 per cent at £3.2 million.

Turnover for the six months to end-June fell by 10 per cent to £22.7 million with sales of carbonated drinks particularly hard hit. However, Vimto Cordial showed "encouraging growth". Middle East exports rose after the resolution of the Gulf War and for the first time in many years the company shipped drink concentrate to Egypt. The company said that the result for the year as a whole would be "somewhat dependent on the weather". The interim dividend is increased from 4.3p to 4.6p.

Whinney up by 60%

WHINNEY Mackay-Lewis, the architectural and project management group, has reported a 60 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £576,000 (£362,000) for the year to end-April. Earnings per share rose 28 per cent to 5.1p (4p) and the final dividend is 1.25p (0.4p), making an unchanged 2p for the year. Turnover was £7.7 million (£6.6 million).

Huntingdon makes £4.8m

HUNTINGDON International Holdings, the biological safety testing and engineering services group, unveiled pre-tax profits of £4.83 million (£5.1 million) in the third quarter to end-June, giving £12.1 million (£11.9 million) for the nine month period. Earnings per share were static at 4.2p for the quarter, making 10.3p (10.2p) for the nine months.

Rexmore dips to £1m

REXMORE, the Liverpool timber and textiles supplier, saw pre-tax profits fall to £1 million (£1.03 million) in the year to end-March. Abraham Rosenblatt, the chairman, said that the first quarter of the current year showed an improvement "but business confidence is still low in the markets we serve".

The contract furnishings division saw operating profits fall to £1.43 million (£1.48 million) mainly because of higher bad debts. In the timber division, Hunter Fowles and Brockley Timber, the hardwood businesses, produced improved results but Albert H. Letheren, the merchant, was badly affected by the recession and reported a loss. A final 1.55p (1.55p) dividend makes a 2.25p total payout for the third year running.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyons (*589)	500	99	106	122	1½	4½	7
	550	54	66	83	6	13	19
	600	25	37	53	24	33	39
ASDA (*87)	90	5	8½	10	7	8	10
	100	2	4	6½	14	15	17
	110	1	2	–	24	24	–
Bass (*936)	880	77	–	–	10	–	–
	920	43	–	–	27	–	–
	977	22	–	–	55	–	–
Boots (*422)	360	68	73	–	1¼	4	–
	390	41	48	60	4½	9	12
	420	20	29	41	14	20	23
Br Airways (*179)	140	45	47	–	1	2	–
	160	27	30	35	3	5½	7
	180	12	17	23	9	13	15
BP (*336)	330	18	26	31	6	11	14
	360	5½	11	16	25	27	29
	390	2	4½	–	55	55	–
Br Steel (*128)	110	21	22	24	1	2	3
	120	11½	14½	17	2½	5	5½
	130	5½	8	12	6	9½	10
C & W (*588)	500	99	110	–	2½	5½	–
	550	56	72	87	9½	15	20
	600	23	42	57	28	38	42
CU (*532)	460	82	95	–	1½	4	–
	500	47	64	73	6	12	17
	550	17	33	43	28	32	38
Courtauld (*461)	390	79	86	97	2	4½	6
	420	52	61	75	5	10	13
	460	23	35	47	19	24	25
GKN (*365)	330	46	57	63	4	7½	13
	360	24	36	43	13	17	24
	390	11	21	28	33	34	40
Grand Met. (*824)	750	94	116	126	5	13	18
	800	53	80	94	15	27	33
	850	25	51	66	38	48	57
ICI (*1324)	1300	80	124	141	35	52	70
	1350	53	94	111	59	73	93
	1400	34	69	87	89	97	116
Kingfisher (*561)	460	107	118	–	2	4	–
	500	69	85	100	5	10	14
	550	32	52	68	19	27	28
Ladbroke (*276)	240	40	44	49	3	5½	9
	260	24	30	36	7½	12	15
	280	11	20	25	17	21	25
Land Sec (*513)	460	63	69	79	2	6	8
	500	30	39	49	10	17	20
	550	6	16	25	48	47	49
M & S (*285)	260	32	38	45	3	5	6½
	280	16	25	31	7½	12	13
	300	7	14	21	19	22	23
Sainsbury (*362)	326	43	50	–	2	4	–
	356	20	29	–	9	13	–
	386	7½	15	–	29	30	–
Shell (*530)	460	78	83	88	1½	4	7
	500	43	53	57	8	11	19
	550	11	24	30	35	36	43
Smkl Beech (*790)	750	65	85	105	11	20	25
	800	33	55	74	30	38	43
	850	14	33	50	65	68	72
Sturrdwe (*111)	100	16	18	20	2	4	6
	110	9	12	14	5½	8	10
	120	4	7	9	11½	14½	16
Trafalgar (*230)	211	28	33	–	4½	11	–
	231	14	22	–	14	21	–
	251	6	13	–	26	37	–
Ultramar (*274)	260	22	32	35	8	11	13
	280	11	19	26	18	22	24
	300	5	11	–	35	35	–
Unilever (*750)	650	122	–	–	2	–	–
	700	75	92	–	5	12	
	750	38	55	72	18	27	36
	800	14	29	45	48	57	62
Utd Biscs (*392)	360	41	48	55	4½	8	12
	390	18	28	35	14	18	23
	420	6	14	21	33	36	40

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
Racal (*221)	200	22	29	36	1¼	5	7½
	220	5	16	24	5½	14	17
	240	1	7½	13	22	26	28
RTZ (*587)	550	40	53	70	2	11	18
	600	4	24	39	22	36	41
	650	1	8	21	69	74	74
Scot Newc (*422)	360	65	73	78	1	2½	4½
	390	35	48	55	1½	7	11
	420	10	28	35	8	19	24
Tesco (*271)	253	20	–	–	1½	–	–
	280	2	10	18	10	17	20
	300	½	4	9½	32	32	34
Thames W. (*374)	350	25	37	45	1½	4½	8½
	370	8	23	30	5	11	15
	400	1½	9	15	30	32	33
Lucas (*155)	130	28	31	31	1	3	4½
	140	18	21	23	1½	5	6½
	160	3	9	12	8	14	17

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Fisons (*488)	460	42	57	66	8	14	18
	500	17	34	44	24	31	34
	550	4	16	24	62	64	67
Abbey Nat (*294)	260	38	45	52	1½	2½	5½
	280	21	30	38	3½	7	11
	300	8½	18	26	12	15	19
Amstrad (*53)	45	10	12	13½	1¼	3	4¼
	50	6	8½	10½	2½	5	6½
	60	2	4½	6½	8½	11	12
Barclays (*462)	420	50	65	75	2½	6	11
	460	20	39	49	12	18	23
	500	5	19	29	39	42	45
Blue Circ (*255)	240	20	27	35	5	9	12
	260	7½	16	24	13	18	22
	280	2½	8½	16	30	32	35
Br Gas (*266)	220	50	56	58	1	1	2½
	240	30	38	40	1	2½	4½
	260	14	22	25	4	6½	10
	280	4	10½	14½	15	17	19
Dixons (*248)	220	33	41	47	1½	5	8
	240	17	28	34	7	12	16
	260	7	16	24	17	21	25
Eurotunnel (*459)	420	55	70	80	9	17	23
	460	22	44	55	27	36	41
	500	6	27	38	58	61	66
Forte (*279)	240	45	48	54	1½	2½	4
	260	26	31	39	2½	5½	7½
	280	10½	18	26	7	12	15
Glaxo (*1338)	1250	100	130	167	16	33	45
	1300	63	100	135	35	51	64
	1350	35	74	107	60	73	87
Hawker (*582)	500	87	94	107	2½	7	10
	550	47	57	74	8	19	24
	600	15	30	44	28	37	44
Hillsdown (*227)	200	30	36	40	1	3½	5
	220	14	20	28	5½	9½	12
	240	4	10	17	16	20	23
Lonrho (*244)	240	1	5	–	35	37	–
	260	12	21	25	7	9½	18
	280	4½	11	16	20	22	29
Midland (*244)	280	1½	5½	8	39	39	45
	180	68	73	78	1	1½	2½
	200	48	55	62	1	3½	6
Reuter (*837)	228	31	38	47	3	7½	10½
	240	15	28	35	9	13	18
	700	151	174	192	2½	8	16
	750	105	132	155	6	17	28
	800	63	97	118	16	32	47
	850	32	67	90	37	55	68
R-Royce (*156)	140	19	22	25	2½	4	6½
	160	5½	9½	14	10½	12	15
Sears (*83)	180	2	4½	–	28	29	–
	70	14½	15½	18	1	2	3
	80	6	8½	11	3	4½	5½
Thorn EMI (*803)	900	1¼	4	6½	8	9½	11
	650	164	178	181	1	3	5
	700	114	132	140	2	7	9
	750	67	92	100	5	16	20
	800	28	53	72	18	32	37
TSB (*154)	130	25	28½	30	1	2	3
	140	15	20	22	2	3	5½
	160	3	8½	11	10½	12½	14½
Vnd Recfn (*566)	60	10	14	15	2½	5	5½
	70	4½	8½	10½	7	9½	12
Wellcome (*730)	650	90	105	122	5	14	19
	700	50	68	92	15	28	35
	750	21	42	64	37	52	60

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*434)	390	44	57	63	1	4½	8
	420	16	34	43	3½	12	18
	460	2½	14	25	31	33	38
BAT Ind (*741)	600	145	145	–	1	2	–
	650	95	98	117	1	4½	10
	700	45	59	80	1	14	22
	750	7	29	52	17	39	45
BTR (*412)	390	24	32	44	1½	10	15
	420	4½	16	26	13	25	30
	460	1	5½	13	50	58	59
Br Aero (*571)	550	25	40	60	4	17	25
	600	3	17	35	32	47	52
	650	½	6	17	82	90	92
Br Telecm (*384)	330	54	62	65	1	2	3½
	360	24	37	42	1½	7	11
	390	4½	17	25	13	18	23
Cadbury (*381)	360	22	33	45	2	8½	12
	390	4	16	27	15	23	26
	420	1	7½	–	42	45	–
Guinness (*988)	900	91	107	133	1½	8½	16
	950	43	67	97	2	19	30
	1000	9	37	67	21	40	50
GEC (*187)	180	7	15	18	1½	4½	7
	200	1	5	8½	16	17	19
	220	½	1½	3½	36	36	37
Hanson (*219)	200	20	27	30	1	2½	6½
	220	3	12½	16½	4½	8½	15½
	240		4½	7½	21	22	28½
LASMO (*328)	300	32	42	52	1	6½	9
	330	7	23	34	7	16	21
	360	2	11	22	33	35	39
P & O (*595)	500	100	104	110	1	4	7½
	550	50	59	75	2	12	19
	600	10	26	45	13	35	42
Pilkington (*155)	140	17	24	27	1½	4½	6½
	160	3	11	16	9	12	16
	180	1	4½	9½	27	28	29
Prudential (*259)	220	40	42	49	1	2½	3½
	240	20	26	35	1½	6	8
	260	5½	13	22	6½	13½	18

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power (*148)	130	20	25	26	2	3½	4½
	140	11½	16½	19	3	6	8
	160	2	6	9	14	15	18
Scot Power (*105)	100	5½	13	–	2	3¼	–
	110	3½	7	–	7	7½	–
	120	1½	3½	–	15	16	–

FT-SE INDEX (*2607)

	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700
Calls						
Aug	167	118	70	30	8	2½
Sep	198	148	107	72	41	20
Oct	198	157	120	85	61	43
Nov	215	178	140	107	78	55
Dec	–	202	–	133	–	80
Puts						
Aug	2	3	8	22	53	97
Sep	7	13	23	37	62	100
Oct	19	29	40	52	81	110
Nov	28	38	48	70	93	123
Dec	–	44	–	75	–	127

August 14, 1991 Total: 32734 Calls 19034 Puts 13700 FT-SE: Calls 2730 Puts 7726

*Underlying security price.

Luxembourg court rejects BCCI plea

Luxembourg

THE Luxembourg Court of Justice has dismissed a challenge by the Bank of Credit and Commerce International against a decision to put the bank's Luxembourg operations under administration, court sources said.

The decision, on technical grounds, means the BCCI Luxembourg operations will remain under a three-man administration that was appointed on August 1.

The sources said the court ruled an appeal against the administration order was "not receivable" for two technical reasons, the original appeal was filed by a BCCI employee who was not qualified to do so and when the BCCI board lodged a new motion the deadline had passed.

The Luxembourg administration into which BCCI was placed is headed by Bran Smouha, a partner at Touche Ross, the accountant. The three officials are to draw up a reorganisation plan for the bank by January 9.

But the Institut Monetaire, Luxembourg's financial watchdog, has threatened recently to take the harsher step of liquidating BCCI operations in Luxembourg unless the Abu Dhabi authorities, the bank's majority shareholder, compensate non-British depositors.

Individuals had deposited a total of 2.2 billion Luxembourg francs (£36.3 million) with BCCI's Luxembourg operations of which only LuxF1.6 billion are covered by Luxembourg's deposit guarantee fund.

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UK depositors seek second accountant

LAWYERS applied to the High Court yesterday for the appointment of a second accountant to oversee the affairs of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Richard Butler, the London law firm representing depositors with more than $509 million trapped in the bank, said it had submitted papers and was now waiting for a date for a hearing.

The Bank of England led a worldwide move to close BCCI on July 5 after allegations of massive fraud.

The depositors, among about 53,000 people who had as much as $3.25 billion on deposit with the bank, want their own accountant appointed to watch over BCCI.

If granted, the application would see the second firm would work alongside Touche Ross, already appointed by courts in Britain and Luxembourg, BCCI's base, to coordinate the affairs of the bank pending rescue or liquidation.

The depositors are also considering further court action in Britain, Luxembourg and America – including possible cases against the Bank of England and Price Waterhouse, the BCCI auditor – in an effort to recover some of their money.

Institutions back Fairfax suitor

Sydney

AN AUSTRALIAN syndicate's bid against foreign-backed rivals for John Fairfax, the oldest media group in Australia, has won the support of the country's two largest institutional investors.

Australian Independent Newspapers of Melbourne said it had the support of The Australian Mutual Provident Society and the National Mutual Life Association of Australasia.

Jim Leslie, the syndicate's chairman, said in a statement that AIN had always been confident that "we have in Australia all the money and the management to restore financial stability and enhance the future of Fairfax".

Fairfax, which controls the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age* in Melbourne and the *Australian Financial Review*, went into receivership last December with debts of Aus$1.2 billion (£547 million) after a failed privatisation bid.

AIN is competing with at least three known bids – a consortium led by Conrad Black, the Canadian magnate, and Kerry Packer, the Australian tycoon, Tony O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers group of Ireland, and Jamison Equity, an Australian financial company.

National Mutual, Australia's second largest life office after AMP, said AIN's bid appeared to be the one that best complied with the criteria National Mutual would set.

"We believe there would be no complicating factors associated with the AIN bid and that it would satisfy the conditions which restrict the level of cross-media and foreign ownership," Gil Hoskins, the National Mutual managing director, said in a statement.

Government rules bar foreign ownership of more than 15 per cent of Australian companies without specific clearance.

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Packer: consortium bid

Ford sales slide despite price cuts

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

PRICE cuts of up to £2,000 a car announced by Ford have failed to stem the company's sales losses so far in August, the most important sales month of the year for the motor industry.

Industry sales were down 16.4 per cent in the first ten days of August, confirming the slump of the last two years.

Evidence is mounting that Ford, which attacked the recession with price reductions, is suffering badly in the showrooms with the key first ten days over.

Undisclosed figures show Britain's biggest car company suffering registrations down more than 19.5 per cent over the same month last year. Sales fell from 64,551 in the first ten days last year, when market share was 23.7 per cent, to 51,941 this year giving a 22.8 per cent share.

Ford executives hoped for a revival in the company's fortunes as a result of the discounts announced last month, which knocked about £1,000 off Escort, Orion and Fiesta models and up to £2,000 from the executive Granada series.

Market share has fallen steadily over the last two years. The figures for the first ten days of August are a good guide to the month's activities. Most buyers want to pick up their cars with the new J-registration plate as close to August 1 as possible causing a surge in registrations.

In the industry as a whole, 227,437 sales have been registered so far this month, compared with 271,991 in the same period last year. Analysts believe that the industry will be lucky to reach 350,000 sales for the month and that the final figure is more likely to be about 320,000, the lowest for seven years.

Vauxhall, Ford's main opposition, has seen August sales falling more slowly than the industry average. Its 36,800 sales in the first ten days represented a decrease of seven per cent with market share at 16.2 per cent from last year's 14.57 per cent.

Ford has announced the appointment of Ian G. McAllister as managing director as it faces one of its toughest years. Fordmade its first pre-tax loss in 20 years at £274 million last year. It faces lost sales because of the recession worth more almost £600 million so far this year.

Ward pessimistic on housing market

By PHILIP PANGALOS

AFTER sliding into the red at the interim stage, Ward Holdings, the Kent housebuilder and property development group, says it expects "the resurgence of the residential market to be delayed until 1992".

The company suffered a pre-tax loss of £397,000 (£1.64 million profit) in the six months to end-April. There is a 0.5p loss per share (2p earnings). The interim dividend is maintained at 0.5p.

Denis Ward, the chairman, said: "Despite the government's belief that the economic upturn is about to occur, the market continues to be depressed and the number of house repossessions taking place, together with increasing unemployment, continue to play their part in delaying the recovery."

Group turnover fell to £14.2 million (£22.1 million), with house sales declining to £10 million (£16.6 million). Gross rent income and property sales climbed to £2.99 million (£2.95 million).

The company said the full-year results would continue to reflect the housebuilding difficulties encountered. The shares eased 2p to 58p.

World Bank agrees $200m Polish loan

From REUTER IN WARSAW

THE World Bank yesterday agreed a loan of $200 million for the government of Poland to modernise its antiquated banking system, often cited as a barrier to foreign investment.

Ian Hume, World Bank representative, and Stefan Kawalec, Poland's deputy finance minister, signed an agreement in Warsaw on the loan which will help finance the restructuring and computerisation of nine leading state banks. An initial $150 million will be made available shortly and the remaining $50 million at he end of 1992.

The slowness and inefficiency of Polish banks are widely seen, along with the country's poor telecommunications, as factors holding back rapid, large-scale investment. The banking system has also come under intense scrutiny in the past two weeks with revelations of a big financial scandal. Seven people, including the vice-president of the National Bank, Poland's central bank, have been arrested and accused of large-scale mismanagement of state funds. Grzegorz Wojtowicz, National Bank president; was suspended last Friday for failing to exercise proper supervision.

The banking scandal comes as signs emerge of continuing recession in Poland despite much lower inflation. The country's monthly inflation in July was the lowest since the Solidarity government introduced austerity measures 19 months ago, but the industrial recession continued, official figures showed.

Figures released by the main statistical office (GUS) showed that consumer prices rose only 0.1 per cent in July, compared with 4.9 in June. Prices have increased by 39.1 per cent since the start of the year and by 68.3 per cent in the past 12 months.

GUS said in its monthly report that industrial output fell 1.2 per cent in July after a slight rise of 0.8 per cent in June. Output in the first seven months of 1991 dropped 9.8 per cent, compared with the corresponding period of 1990. The figures revealed a trade surplus in July of $31 million, further reducing Poland's external deficit for the year so far to $62 million.

The trade gap peaked in April at $303 million but exports soared in May, after a government decision to devalue the zloty by 14 per cent against the dollar.

Earlier this month, GUS reported that 1,749,900 people, or 9.4 per cent of the workforce, were out of work. It said 176,000 people lost their jobs in July, which saw the highest unemployment jump since December 1989.

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Markets contemplate recovery

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An entertaining summer pastime called spot the recovery is enlivening the dog days of August. Ministers sunning themselves on beaches and practitioners of the dismal science everywhere have been poring over the latest batch of economic statistics to see what, if anything, they tell us about the end of recession and more importantly the timing of the upturn. The stock market has no time for such unprofitable activity and prefers instead the thesis that it is better to be roughly right than precisely wrong.

Hence yesterday's flurry of activity, which lifted the FT-SE 100 index to a record close. Old City hands know that recessions always end and that waiting for confirmation through official statistics means missing the boat in terms of investment timing.

Despite the weeping and wailing from businessmen, the stock market has been rising on the back of falling interest rates and prospects of recovery since early January. Since then, the Footsie has climbed 30 per cent. By the year-end, when recovery should be plain for all to see, the fund managers who have cut their cash balances to move back into ordinary shares will be looking smart.

Investors have read the most recent economic data as confirmation of their early more speculative decisions to buy shares rather than as a discovery of something new. Economists may haggle over indicators of recession for a while yet. But the market now has a new and more challenging question in mind. How strong or indeed weak will the recovery prove to be and what will this mean for profits?

Right knights

Sir Nigel Broackes and Sir Eric Parker have jumped three tough fences in their gallop to turn Trafalgar House from an increasingly unregarded property-related conglomerate to what will essentially be a world-class construction engineering group. First came the agreement for a £114 million bid for Davy, in the face of potential foreign competition, as an alternative to a break-up of the process plant group in the wake of a huge contract loss. Next came acceptance by the Office of Fair Trading that, except in one tiny corner, the combination of Davy with Trafalgar's successful John Brown and Cementation had far more potential to boost the industry in world markets than to cut competition.

The successful conclusion of Trafalgar's ingeniously-structured £310 million rights issue yesterday shows that its two knights have also convinced their shareholders and the City that the risks implicit in buying Davy are well worth running. Now comes the hard part: converting Davy back to profits of £40 million with potential for much more.

Trafalgar has two years to accomplish this, since the new A shares carry only scrip dividends until the 1992-93 final. Meanwhile, the rights issue is much more than needed immediately for Davy, though it could not otherwise have been made without causing stiff questions about the group's dividend, which will not be covered by earnings for the year to end September. Together with a likely £62 million sale of cargo shipping, this improves finances and puts property and housing troubles into perspective.

No wonder the shares have gained 18p to 230p in the past week, with the A shares only 5p behind. The ordinary still yield more than 10 per cent on a dividend that looks safer and has more hope of rising if Davy comes good.

Silent ICI

Unlike Hanson's stern statement two weeks ago, ICI declined to comment on its shareholder's third-quarter results, which did not hold any surprises for avid watchers of the group anyway. There may be a few raised eyebrows at the end of the year, however, when attention is focused on Hanson's much vaunted cash pile, which in net terms is likely to shrink to about £270 million, compared with about £550 million previously. Gross cash balances — the fuel for the next long-awaited bid — still amount to an awesome £7 billion or so, but the market is starting to get impatient for the bid's appearance.

As in previous quarters, Lords Hanson and White spiked yesterday's results with the promise of further acquisitions but the false start with PowerGen and the anti-climax of the ICI investment have encouraged analysts to ask where the next big leap in growth is going to come from. The company needs another large acquisition and even though some good assets might be gained cheaply in the present climate, the resale value of bits of the purchase will also be depressed. That largely defeats the purpose. Indeed, Hanson has already been forced to hold on to the rest of GoldFields, its last big purchase.

The other matter stretching analysts' minds is whether or not the ICI investment has gone awry. One school of thought says it has, because, for once, Hanson HQ misread the level of market support it could rely on in the event of a bid. Others reckon their lordships have realised this and are putting in extra leg work before they make a move. Either way, in the short-term, growth is going to rely more than ever on innovative accounting techniques.

Germany's miracle turns to mirage in heat of unity

THE old West Germany took one decade of hard labour to create the so-called economic miracle, another two decades of more hard labour to cement the country's reputation as Europe's economic powerhouse, and one long hot summer to revert to the old Germanic gloom.

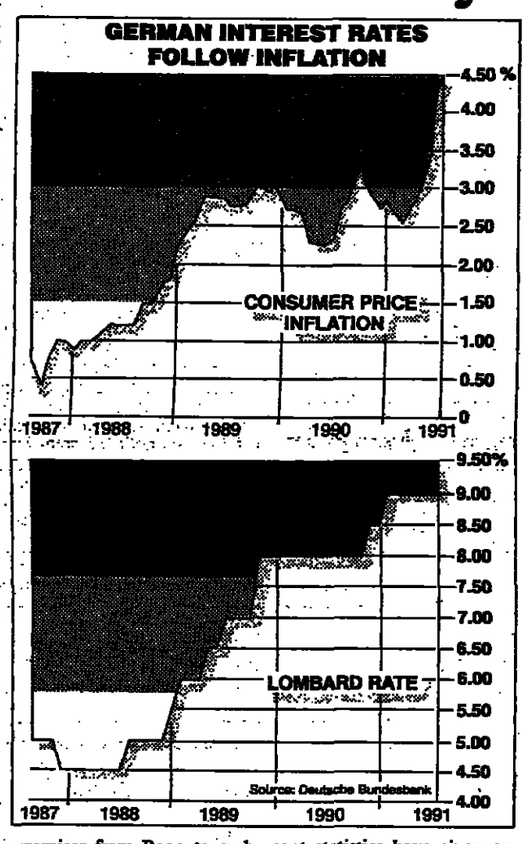
The causes for this gloom have changed and so have the players, but the phenomenon is the one that has always succeeded in getting Germans into a tailspin. Inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, has risen to 4.4 per cent, which is higher than in France. Worse, if the forecasters are right, it might soon be higher than in Britain.

Today, the Bundesbank is expected to send the long-awaited signal that this level of inflationary "profligacy" is not acceptable, just as it did when inflation rose through this level in 1979. Barring the unlikely event of a late change in mind, the Bundesbank's central council will decide to raise all the main German interest rates, for the second time this year. A rise in the base discount rate, relevant only for domestic conditions, is virtually certain. Yesterday's decision to raise the securities repurchase rate above the 9 per cent lombard rate suggests that the latter, much more important, rate will also go up.

The lombard has reached 9.5 per cent twice before in 25 years, but not for long. This time there is more than the usual level of disagreement on the economic necessity for a rate hike and, more seriously, about its consequences.

The rise in inflation is the outcome of two almost inevitable processes that resulted from German unification at a time when the economy was reaching the peak of an uninterrupted eight-year boom. One was the surge of consumer demand from the East, which led to capacity shortages in German industry and pay inflation. The other element was the rise in indirect taxes last month to finance some of the costs of unification. The indirect taxes have fed straight into the retail price index, which broke the psychologically alarming four per cent level in July.

Germany's inflation is not a consequence of previously lax monetary policy. A rise in interest rates, therefore, will only achieve the declared aim of preserving price stability by acting indirectly on some of the factors that lie behind the inflationary surge. Despite promises from Bonn to curb government spending and subsidies to industry, the fiscal deficit, which has resulted from DM150 billion of transfer payments to the East, can almost be regarded as an external shock, determined by political factors.



Unable to do anything about the fiscal deficit, the anti-inflation hawks at the Bundesbank have only one course left: to push up interest rates and thereby curb economic activity and demand directly. This is where the disagreement sets in.

The German economy is slowing already, although recent statistics have given an uncertain picture of the extent of the slowdown. Falls in building activity and last month's 100,000 rise in unemployment in the West suggested a rather steep slowdown, but the 3 per cent month-on-month increase in June's industrial orders suggested the economy remained robust, capable of weathering an increase in interest rates.

The difficulty of charting the German economy's future is due to a long-standing historic contradiction: while the economy has repeatedly proved its extraordinary resilience, so have the various rigidities which the German economic boom has developed as a by-product.

One of these rigidities relates to public spending, which is difficult to curb not merely for political reasons but also because of Germany's institutional and legal arrangements, which have created entitlements to subsidies that are fixed for pre-determined periods, and can be removed only in the medium term. For instance, the government decided, following a resignation threat by Jürgen Möllemann, the economics minister, on a DM30 billion cut in subsidies over three years, but this will only help the budget by some DM15 billion while the public sector deficit will near to DM200 billion this year.

An even more serious rigidity is evident in Germany's labour markets. The most alarming economic trend of the past year has been wage inflation, which averaged 6.6 per cent in the industrial sector during the second quarter. This pay inflation followed years of restraint which left German workers feeling militant and underpaid. Whether the soft landing that the Bundesbank is trying to achieve will have much effect on pay settlements must therefore be doubtful. The next wage round will not be until next spring, and there is little indication that trade unions will back away from the demand for a 35-hour week, which would result in a one-off jump in unit labour costs.

Combining these two rigidities with the profound uncertainties of unification, Germany is entering unknown territory, not only in economic but also political and social terms. At a time when the economy is already slowing, the building sector will suffer even more, as house building activity is already on the decline, not least because most mortgages come with rates fixed for 10 years. Worse still, unification and the continuing surge in immigration has led to a shortfall of 1 million homes.

The fundamentals of the German economy and society have changed, but the Bundesbank is determined to tread the proven path. Beggars are now a common sight in every city. But in the Frankfurt suburbs, where the Bundesbank's glistening headquarters face the Taunus mountain, they are still unknown. The Bundesbank can see only one economic problem — the rising inflation chart.

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TEMPUS

Ultramar fails to lift gloom

ULTRAMAR's fall from favour has been relentless. Its shares have underperformed a lacklustre oil sector by 17 per cent in the last three months in anticipation of dire first-half figures.

In this respect Ultramar has not disappointed, with net losses of £21.6 million for the half year to the end of June, against income of £37.2 million. Stock losses arising from the precipitous fall in oil prices were £48.9 million.

The dividend is maintained at 3.5p a share, although losses were 5.8p, compared with earnings of 10.1p. Ultramar says the underlying picture is not so gloomy. Excluding inventory holdings, profits rose from £24.6 million to £27.3 million.

A quick conclusion to the Gulf war, the recession in North America and a mild winter in eastern Canada drove down product prices and the company was unable to recover fully the cost of higher priced crude bought at the top of the market in late 1990. Canadian downstream activities lost £17.6 million, compared with profits of £33 million, and on the west coast of America there was a £400,000 deficit, against earnings of £24.4 million.

Upstream operations increased profits from £19.8 million to £31.5 million. In Indonesia, demand for liquefied natural gas grew strongly while UK operations benefited from higher North Sea production.

Longer term, a requirement for £450 million to fund the development of the Bruce and Markham fields will put further pressure on a balance sheet stretched by gearing of 87 per cent. But in the short term the shares should benefit as refining margins recover when the American economy steps up a gear.

Earnings of 10.6p this year should ensure a maintained dividend of 10.5p, but only just. Even at 274p, compared with a 12-month high of 377p, investors should be in no hurry to buy.

Queens Moat

THE interim results from Queens Moat Houses, the hotels group, left at least one City broker wiping egg from its face. Things in the hotel industry are clearly bad, but not that bad. In fact, the 8.3 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £36.2 million was, with that one notable exception, towards the bottom of expectations.



Bairstow: hotels hit hard

Nevertheless, for a six-month period to July 1, which takes in the Gulf war and its devastating impact on the hotel and travel industry, it is a creditable performance. John Bairstow, the chairman, admits that the Gulf war hit all the company's hotels hard. But, as its effects recede, different countries are bouncing back at distinctly different speeds. Some 48 per cent of the company's operating profits are now earned in continental Europe, mostly in Germany and Holland.

The star performer was Germany where, stripping out acquisitions, operating profits rose 23 per cent. The Dutch hotels also showed improvement with a 7 per cent rise. But it was a different picture in Britain, where operating profits fell 10 per cent and show little sign of recovery. However, May's £184 million rights issue has left the company in good shape, providing Mr Bairstow can curb his enthusiasm for expansion.

QMH's total interest bill rose by more than 50 per cent to £37.2 million in the first half, including the element capitalised. The rights issue proceeds, which have reduced gearing to about 45 per cent, should knock £10 million off the profit and loss interest charge in the second half.

QMH will do well to beat last year's profits of £94 million, even with a full contribution from Norfolk Capital and with May's continental acquisitions on board. But British profits must eventually improve. The shares, at 87p, are on a price/earnings multiple of just above 11 and are beginning to offer value.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Paying tribute to Beattie

DAVID Beattie, who gained the respect of many in Whitehall and the Square Mile during his days with the National Enterprise Board, died in his sleep at home in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, on Tuesday morning. Beattie, who created Grosvenor Development Capital, the quoted investment company, as a means of off-loading the NEB's minority holdings in a number of small companies, is believed to have suffered a heart attack. "He was tough but fair, with an amazing brain for detail," says Robert Drummond, the former County NatWest man who is now managing director at Grosvenor. "We have a lot to thank him for, he will be sorely missed." Beattie, aged 54, previously a divisional managing director at Cadbury Schweppes, was chairman of Grosvenor Venture Managers, the management company, and was due to become chairman of Grosvenor Development Capital this year. His funeral, on Tuesday, is for family and friends only. A memorial service will be held at a later date. He leaves a wife, Pauline, and a daughter, Cora.

Order of magnitude

MERCHANT bankers and stockbrokers will, it seems, spare no expense when it comes to finding the appropriate "little something" for a special occasion. Corney & Barrow, wine merchant-cum-restaurateur to the Square Mile, which also operates a gift service — pledging to take orders from anywhere in the world and deliver them to addresses in the City within the hour — is by now used to receiving surprising requests. Past orders have included a £300 bottle of Leoville Poyferre 1916 for the launch of the BMW 3 Series, and a gift of Krug arranged from a Hawaiian beach by a customer using a mobile telephone. Corney & Barrow's staff also recall a "young lord" who, on his way to a Christening, paid £2,500 for three jeroboams of Petrus and asked them to throw in a tin of beluga caviar for the journey down.

Consign to memory

LORD Macfarlane of Bearsden, the man who put Anthony Tennant into Guinness and helped rebuild the company after the 1987 Distillers scandal, has not, he says, heard from any of the men put behind bars for their involvement in the affair. "No, but I have heard that a lot of other inmates at Ford Open Prison are now going around saying that they don't feel well and that they can't remember their wive's names — and can they please be let out early too?" he quips with just a touch of Scottish cynicism.

Food for market

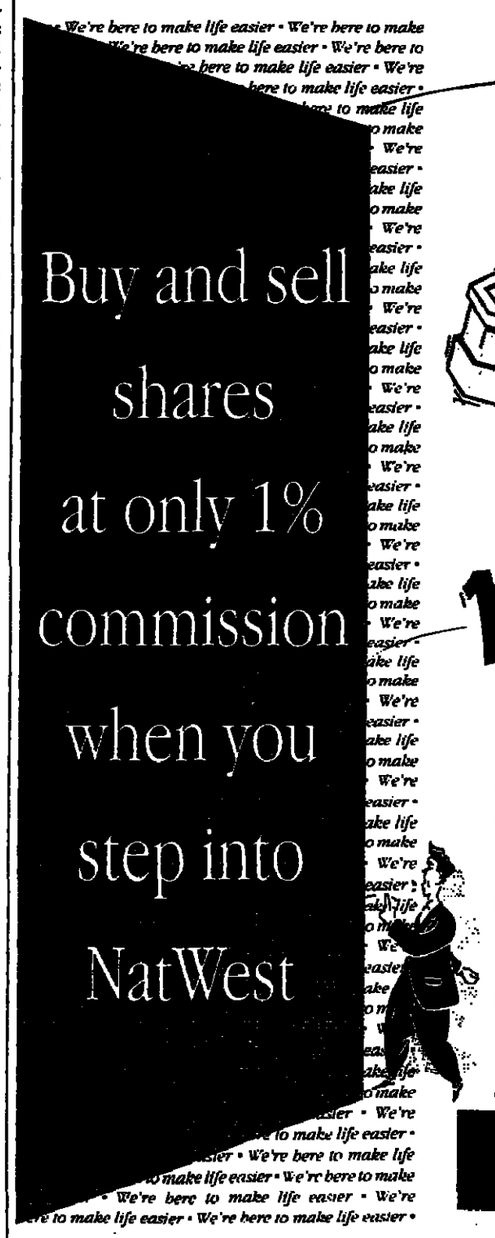
IT MIGHT have taken more than 200 years, but Simpson's of Cornhill, the City restaurant that also owns the neighbouring Jamaica Wine House, is finally moving with the times. In operation since 1757, Simpson's will today be floated on the stock market. The shares will begin trading on the Unlisted Securities Market this morning, after their sale for £2 million by European Leisure. Roy Ackerman, owner of The Gay Hussar and well known bon viveur, will be Simpson's non-executive chairman, and he reveals that more than 100 regular Simpsons customers have subscribed for shares — thereby, in the best City tradition, putting their money where their mouths are.

Couplet and verse

MUCH has happened in the City in ten years, but Hamish Buchan and Robin Angus, top Extel-rated investment trust analysts at County NatWest WoodMac, are still working together. The duo will celebrate their tenth anniversary in Edinburgh this week, and Angus, a bearded, pipe-smoking intellectual known for his fine poetry, is to compile an anthology, a review of the Eighties, to mark the occasion. Buchan says the pair work well together because they are "like oil and water".

CAROL LEONARD

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Defence is boosted at SD-Scicon

SD-SCICON'S defence against a £161 million hostile takeover bid by EDS gained momentum after Phillips & Drew Fund Management said it was advising clients with more than 8 per cent of the shares not to accept the 60p cash offer.

EDS, part, of General Motors, has built up a 35.5 per cent stake, including a tranche of 25 per cent acquired from British Aerospace, but has received a mixed response from other shareholders, including Prudential and National Provident Institution.

John Jackson, the Scicon chairman, said: "These events clearly demonstrate that our shareholders know EDS's final offer of only 60p per share is far too low; the offer is failing." The offer closes on Saturday.

Navan rights

Navan Resources, the Irish mining company that has identified mineral opportunities in Spain and Hungary which it says are worth further development, is raising IR£1.79 million (£1.6 million) via a three-for-two rights issue at IR20p.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	120
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Alliance Res	20
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EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68
Eldos	38
East Germany Inv (100p)	108
Etonbrook	68
Eurocamp (225p)	246 +6
Gartmore Inc (100p)	109
Gartmore Cap (100p)	109
Geared Inc (100p)	104
Greencore	228 +3
Greenwich Res	17
Headline Book (100p)	128 +3
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	308 +2
Manchester Utd (385p)	267
Mirror Group (125p)	108½ +1½
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	105
Oryx Gold	256
Sterling Tst	46 +1
Tollgate	92
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	40
US Smaller	103
Unichem	162 +1

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alan Paul N/P	¾ –¼
Explaura N/P	½
Howden N/P	8½
JLI Group N/P	14
Mountleigh N/P	¼
Wheway N/P	¾ +¼

(Issue price in brackets).

STOCK MARKET

Shares close at record as investors grow optimistic

SHARE prices soared to a record close as investors started to discount the half-point rise in German interest rates that is likely to be announced after today's meeting of the Bundesbank. Convinced that the British economy is beginning to recover, investors were in a confident mood and apparently prepared to chase prices higher in thin trading before tomorrow's Retail Price Index.

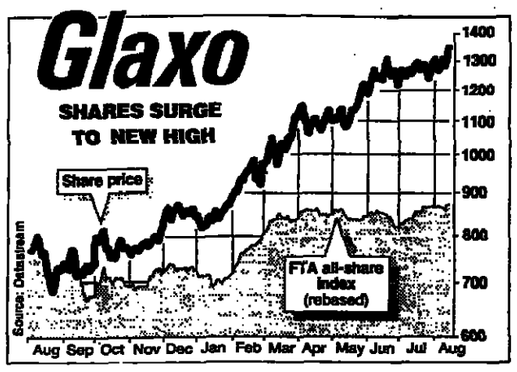
A hesitant start on Wall Street meant that London closed just below its best. But the FT-SE 100 index still ended 23.9 higher at a peak of 2,608.8. The previous closing best of 2,601.7 was reached on August 2 and the all-time trading high of 2,612.4 on July 29. The FT index of 30 shares gained 11.0 to 2,033.3. Government securities were little altered, awaiting the decision on German interest rates.

Total turnover reached 590 million shares, swollen by hectic trading in **Burton**, the troubled high street fashion retailer, where 145 million changed hands. Of this, 138 million were new shares issued under the £161 million rights issue. Burton's ordinary firmed 1p to 40½p as broker Cazenove and BZW jointly placed the rump of 12 per cent not taken up at 38p a share.

Sears, the Freemans mail order and Selfridges group, advanced 3½p to 84p, although analysts remain divided about its prospects. County NatWest WoodMac continues to take a cautious view of events but Nomura, the Japanese securities house, continues to recommend the shares. The rise in the price was fuelled by a buyer of 1 million shares at 82p and one of 2 million shares at 83p.

Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, hardened ½p to 218p after reporting a near 3 per cent rise in third-quarter pre-tax profits to £967 million. Lord Hanson made no reference to ICI but excited the speculators by saying that the group would seek further acquisitions. ICI, where Hanson owns a 2.8 per cent stake, was steady at £13.23.

Ultramar finished 4p dearer at 271p despite a £21 million loss at the interim stage. The interim dividend was maintained.



Meanwhile, signs of a revival persist in the retail sector with gains in **Courts** (Furnishers), 8p to 300p, **Argos**, 4p to 327p, **Austin Reed** A, 3p to 158p, **Blacks Leisure**, 4p to 88p, **Body Shop**, 7p to 282p, **Boots**, 2p to 423p, **Great Universal Stores** A, 8p to £13.60, **Kingfisher**, 12p to 565p, **Marks and Spencer**, 7p to 286p, **John Menzies**, 9p to 401p, **QS Holdings**, 5p to 215p, and **WH Smith** A, 6p to 444p. Some fund managers believe that Britain will be led out of the recession by the retailers and so share shortages are bound to have exaggerated some of the rises.

Glaxo continued to draw strength from this week's news that it has been given permission to market Imigran, its anti-migraine drug, in this country in an injectable form. The drug is already available in injectable and tablet form in both Holland and New Zealand and is expected to boost Glaxo's sales during the next few years. The shares finished 27½p better at a high of £13.33½, helped by a resurgence of buying from America. In London, there has been talk of another share split, making them more attractive to private investors.

Thorn EMI recovered from an early fall to finish unchanged at 803p. This was in spite of claims that there are doubts about the ability of Thames Television to hold on to its independent television franchise for the London area.

Thorn EMI owns about 60 per cent of Thames after buying BET's stake this year. The loss of the franchise would reduce Thames to a television production company.

Thorn EMI's shares received a boost this week from PolyGram, the music company owned by Philips of Holland, which produced better than expected profits. Music now contributes between 35 and 40 per cent of Thorn's profits.

Carlton Communications, which is tipped to win the London midweek franchise from Thames TV, jumped 13p to 480p. The result of the bids will not be announced until the autumn. Meanwhile, Central Independent Television rose 20p to 815p, Scottish Television 12p to 507p, and Granada 9p to 169p.

Carbo, the abrasives and resins manufacturer that is based in Manchester, jumped 45p to 235p on the news of a possible bid approach. The group, which used to trade under the name of Carborundum, lifted pre-tax profits £200,000 to £4.7 million last year.

The banks attracted selective support as analysts continued to reassess the recent interim dividend season and prospects generally. Shearson Lehman, the broker, sees **Midland**, up 9p at 244p, as a big recovery situation and also likes **Lloyds**, 10p dearer at 383p. There were also gains for **National Westminster**, 3p to 341p and **Barclays**, 11p to 464p.

MICHAEL CLARK

County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, has been taking a closer look at the electronics sector. It has cut its forecast of pre-tax profits for Electrocomponents, down 6p to 267p, by £2 million to £54 million for the year to March 1992 and reduced its forecast for Farnell Electronics, off 3p to 232p, from £34.9 million to £31 million for the year to January 1992.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,074	Cadbury	982	Lonrho	1,818	Royal Bank	1,801
Abd-Lyons	1,645	CU	3,865	Lucas	4,423	Royal Ins	809
Anglian	2,070	Courtaulds	1,059	M&S	4,301	Sainsbury	1,895
ASDA	2,711	Enterprise	300	Maxwell Cm	829	Scot & N	2,121
AB Foods	605	Eurotunnel	352	MEPC	904	Scot Power	2,755
Argyll	3,331	Fisons	2,570	Midland	3,671	Sears	8,418
Arjo Wigg	1,328	Forte	2,620	Natl Power	7,713	Severn Trnt	3,736
BAA	840	Gen Acc	974	Nat West	2,335	Shell	2,014
BET	1,840	GEC	7,082	N W Water	2,672	Smith & N	839
BTR	2,880	Glaxo	3,873	P&O	972	SK Beech	2,532
BAT	1,287	Grand Met	1,978	Pearson	229	Sun Allince	763
Barclays	2,736	GUS 'A'	408	Pilkington	2,585	Tarmac	866
Bass	2,296	GRE	630	PowerGen	3,745	Tate Lyle	2,603
BICC	866	Guinness	713	Prudential	5,864	TSB	3,873
Bk Scotind	1,302	Hanson	10,457	Racal	3,596	Tesco	4,644
Blue Circle	771	Hawker	1,684	Rank	2,918	Thames Wtr	2,875
BOC	504	Hillsdown	303	R&C	1,107	Thorn EMI	1,067
Boots	2,113	ICI	550	Redland	831	Trafalgar	2,368
Br Aero	1,216	Inchcape	695	Reed	828	Ultramar	3,539
Br Airways	4,418	Kingfisher	1,131	Rentokil	342	Unilever	2,424
Br Gas	4,219	Lasmo	857	Reuters	586	United Bis	1,248
Br Petrol	6,200	Ladbroke	4,807	RMC Gp	201	Wellcome	441
Br Steel	6,845	Land Sec	725	RTZ	1,251	Whitbrd	905
Br Telecm	3,684	L&G	1,877	R-Royce	3,004	Williams	1,970
C&W	1,373	Lloyds	1,982	Rothmans 'B'	444	Wills Cor	677

WORLD MARKETS

Dow rises on rates cut hopes

New York

BLUE chips climbed in morning trading as buying spilled over from Tuesday's advance on hopes of a cut in interest rates. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 13 points to 3,021.72. The Nasdaq composite and the NYSE composite indexes traded above record levels.

☐ **Tokyo** — Prices rose strongly, finishing higher for the first time in five days. The Nikkei index ended above the key 23,000 line for the first time in three days, advancing 521.30 points, or 2.28 per cent, to 23,393.30.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index closed 26.31 points higher at 4,079.01, riding on the back of renewed enthusiasm for the property sector. It has reached a record for the second time this week.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Germany's Dax index ended at the day's high, buoyed by buying on the premise that an imminent rise in German interest rates will give the signal for a further rally. The Dax ended 5.47 points higher at 1,650.19.

☐ **Sydney** — Prices retreated for the third consecutive day as buyers hesitated before the release of key economic data. The all-ordinaries index fell 1.9 points to 1,552.1.

☐ **Singapore** — The market closed firmer in moderate trading. The Straits Times industrial index gained 9.86 points to 1,434.07. *(Reuter)*

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	3018.56 (+8.84)*
S&P Composite	391.67 (+2.05)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	23393.30 (+521.30)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	4079.01 (+26.31)
FT-SE Euro 100	1118.18 (+4.71)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	92.0 (–0.2)
Sydney: AO	1552.1 (–1.8)
Frankfurt: DAX	1650.19 (+5.47)
Brussels:	
General	5728.76 (–1.58)
Paris: CAC	475.07 (+4.30)
Zurich: SKA Gen	547.3 (+1.3)
London:	
FT-A All-Share	1246.95 (+11.27)
FT-"500"	1381.72 (+11.71)
FT. Gold Mines	177.2 (–0.2)
FT. Fixed interest	94.54 (+0.09)
FT. Govt Secs	85.59 (+0.02)
Bargains	28410
SEAQ Volume	631.2m
USM (Datastream)	123.71 (+0.77)

*Denotes latest trading price

WALL STREET

	Aug 14 midday	Aug 13 close
Abbott Lab	54½	54
Aetna Life	37⅝	37⅝
Ahmanson	20	19⅝
Air Prods	65⅜	64⅝
Alberto-Cu	41	39⅝
Alcan Al	26⅛	26⅜
Allied Signal	33⅝	32⅝
Allied Signal	38	37⅜
Alumin CA	66⅜	66⅜
Am Brands	44⅛	44⅛
Am Cyanamd	63⅞	63⅜
Am EPC	29⅝	29⅝
Am General	39⅜	39⅜
Am Home	63⅝	62⅝
Am Intl	82⅜	82
Am Stores	41	41
Amax	21⅜	21⅜
Amer Hess	59⅝	59⅝
Amerfech	61⅞	61⅜
Ameritech	27⅞	28⅛
Amoco	51⅝	51⅝
AMP	51⅜	51⅜
AMR	61⅜	62⅜
Anheuser-B	56	55⅝
Apple Comp	53⅜	51⅜
Archer-Dan	22⅜	22⅜
Arkla	18⅝	18⅝
Armco	4⅜	4⅜
Armstrong	22	21⅝
Asarco	24⅜	24⅝
Ashland Oil	30⅜	30⅜
AT&T	36⅜	36⅝
Atlan Richfld	116⅛	115⅜
Auto DP	34⅛	33⅝
Avery Denn	23	22⅝
Avnet Prod	47⅜	46⅝
Baltimore	31	30⅝
Banc One	47⅛	47⅜
Bankamerica	43⅝	43⅝
Bard	23⅝	24⅛
Barnett Bk	36⅝	36⅜
Barrick Lmb	44⅜	45⅝
Baxter Int	35⅜	36⅛
Bec Dickin	68⅜	68⅝
Bell Atlan	47⅜	47⅛
Bellsouth	47⅜	47⅜
Bfor Hughes	24⅝	24⅜
Black Decker	14⅜	14⅝
Block	58⅜	59
Britns Tst NY	60⅜	60⅜
Boeing	46⅝	46⅜
Boise Casc	25⅝	25⅝
Borden	37⅞	37⅞
Brist-Myer	65⅜	65⅜
Browng-Fer	26⅜	26⅝
Burl Nth	30	30
CAI	9⅛	9⅛
Campbell Sp	81⅝	81
Cap Cities	459	459
Carlsbrg HC	48⅝	48
Carolina	47⅜	47⅜
Caterpillar	48	47⅜
CBS	164⅜	164⅜
Central SW	28	28⅛
Champion	28⅝	28⅝
Chase Man	21⅜	21⅝
Chem Bnkg	29⅝	28⅞
Chevron	69⅝	70
Chrysler	12⅜	11⅝
Cibafds	68⅝	68
Cigna	44	43⅝
Citicorp	15	14⅜
Clorox Ltz	43⅜	42⅝
Coca-Cola	40⅜	41
Colgate-Pal	66⅝	66⅜
Colmb Gas	17	17⅜
Comair	35⅜	34⅞
Compaq	45⅝	44⅜
Cons Edis	25⅝	25⅝
Cons Nat G	39⅝	39⅝
Cons Rail	69⅜	69⅜
Cooper Ind	57⅜	56⅝
Corning	67⅝	67⅜
CPC Intl	69⅜	69⅛
Crown Cork	35⅛	35⅜
CSX	49⅜	48⅝
Dana	30⅜	30⅜
Data Gen	22⅝	22⅝
Dayton-Hud	71⅝	72⅛
Deere	61⅜	62⅛
Delta Air	69⅜	70⅜
Dekalb	45⅝	45⅜
Detroit Edi	30⅜	29⅝
Digital Eq	89⅜	88⅛
Disney	127⅜	126⅜
Dominion	35⅝	35⅝
Donnelley	46⅜	46
Dover	38⅜	38
Dow Chem	89⅜	89⅜
Dow Jones	39⅜	39⅜
Dresser Ind	21⅝	21⅜
Du Pont	48⅛	47⅝
Duke Pwr	29⅝	29⅝
Dun Bradst	44⅜	44⅜
East Kodak	43	43⅛
Eaton	33	33⅛
Emerson El	47⅜	47
Enron	51⅜	51⅜
Entergy	24⅝	24⅝
Ethyl	57⅜	57⅜
Exxon	61⅜	61⅜
Fed NMA	25⅜	25⅜
Fedrl Expre	48⅜	48⅜
Fst Nortstr	43⅜	43⅜
Fluor	41⅜	41⅜
Ford Motor	51⅛	51⅛
FPL	38	37⅝
Fst Chicago	29⅜	29⅜
Fst Interst	39⅜	39⅜
Fst Union	39⅜	39⅜
Gannett	41⅜	41⅜
GAP	39⅜	39⅜
Gen Cinema	73⅜	73⅜
Gen Elec	89⅜	89⅜
Gen Mills	59⅜	59⅜
Gen Motors	39⅜	39⅜
Gen RE	67⅜	67⅜
Gen Signal	41⅜	41⅜
Genuine Pts	41⅜	41⅜
Georgia-Pac	55⅜	55⅜
Gillette	41⅜	41⅜
Goodrich	39⅜	39⅜
Goodyear	57⅜	57⅜
Grace	35⅜	35⅜
Greyhound	26⅜	26⅜
Gt Atlantic	20⅜	20⅜
Gt Western	30	29⅝
GTE	35⅜	35⅜
Halliblrtn	21	21⅛
Helzs	21⅜	21⅜
Hercules	51⅜	51⅜
Hershey Fd	54⅜	54⅜
Hewlett Pkd	34⅜	34⅜
Hilton Htl	55⅜	55⅜
Home Depot	55⅜	55⅜
Homestake	14⅜	14⅜
Honeywell	55⅜	55⅜
Houston Ind	39⅜	39⅜
Howkld Intl	39⅜	39⅜
Humana	39⅜	39⅜
IBM	89	89⅜
Inexco	3⅜	3⅜
Illinois TW	32⅜	32⅜
Imco	21⅜	21⅜
Ingsol-Rand	49⅜	49⅜
Inland Steel	21⅜	21⅜
Intel	55⅜	55⅜
Intl Paper	88	88⅜
ITT	39⅜	39⅜
James River	39⅜	39⅜
Johnson John	82	82⅜
K Mart	44⅜	43⅝
Kellogg	107	106⅝
Kerr-McGee	41⅜	41⅜
Kimbly-Clrk	92⅜	91⅜
Knight-Ridr	54⅜	54
Lilly	78⅜	78
Limited	29	29⅛
Lin Bkcstg	20⅜	20⅜
Lincln Nat	45⅜	45⅜
Litton Ind	85⅜	84⅜
Lockheed	44⅜	44⅜
Louis-Pac	43⅜	43⅜
Manu Hano	35⅜	35⅜
Marriott	18	18⅜
Marsh Mclen	77⅜	77⅜
Martin Mar	57⅜	58⅜
Masco	23	22⅜
May Dept	57⅜	57⅜
Maytag	15⅜	15⅜
McDnl Doug	32	32⅜
McDonalds	32⅜	32⅜
McGraw-Hill	55⅜	56
MCI Com	29	29⅛
Mead	33⅜	33⅜
Medtronic	127	127⅜
Merck	35⅛	36
Merrill Lynch	47⅜	46⅜
Minnesota	82	82⅜
Mobil	67⅜	68⅛
Monsanto	72⅜	72⅜
Moore	25⅛	25
Morgan JP	53⅜	53⅛
Motorola	65⅜	65⅜
Nat Medical	47⅜	47⅜
Nat Semi	5⅝	5⅝
Nat Service	24⅜	23⅝
Navistar	3⅜	3⅛
NCNB	36⅛	36⅛
NCR	108⅜	108⅜
NED Bncp	45⅜	45⅜
Nthn St Pwr	37⅜	37⅜
Nthn Telcm	38⅜	38⅜
NY Times	32	31⅞
Nynex	74⅛	74⅛
Occid Petrl	23⅜	23⅜
Ohio Ed	19	19⅛
Oklah Gas	30⅛	30⅛
Omnicm	41⅜	41⅜
Owens-Ill	47⅜	47
Pac Gas Elec	24⅜	24⅜
Pac Telesis	34	34⅛
Pacwr	15⅜	15⅜
PaineWebb	15⅜	15⅜
Pall	24⅜	24⅜
Parkmoor	38	38
Parker-Hanin	25⅜	25⅜
Penney	68⅜	68⅜
Pennzoil	74	74⅜
Pepsico	34⅜	34⅜
Pfizer	69⅜	69⅜
Philips Pet	21⅜	21⅜
Phillips Elec	21⅜	21⅜
Phlp Morris	81⅜	81⅜
Phlps Dodge	58⅜	58⅜
Primer Bowr	21⅜	21⅜
Procter Gm	74⅜	74⅜
PNC Finl	21⅜	21⅜
Pnnsula Exm	21⅜	21⅜
Polaroid	45⅜	45⅜
PPG Inds	58⅜	58⅜
Prdn Gamble	89⅜	89⅜
Price	29⅜	29⅜
Primerica	39⅜	39⅜
Pub Service	29⅜	29⅜
Quaker Oats	39⅜	39⅜
Raiston Pur	39⅜	39⅜
Raychem	57⅜	57⅜
Raytheon	57⅜	57⅜
Reebok	39⅜	39⅜
Rockwell	39⅜	39⅜
Rohm Hass	57⅜	57⅜
Royal Dutch	57⅜	57⅜
Rubbermaid	39⅜	39⅜
Rynolds Mtl	39⅜	39⅜
Safeco	39⅜	39⅜
Salomon	39⅜	39⅜
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Scott Paper	39⅜	39⅜
Seagram	39⅜	39⅜
Sears Rbk	39⅜	39⅜
Security Pac	39⅜	39⅜
Shwin-Wllms	39⅜	39⅜
Skyline	39⅜	39⅜
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Snyder Oil	39⅜	39⅜
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Southn Co	39⅜	39⅜
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Weyerhsr	39⅜	39⅜
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Woolworth	39⅜	39⅜
Wrigley	39⅜	39⅜
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40	Wellcome	Industrials S-Z	
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BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int yield %	Gross Red. yield

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

99¾	96¾	Treas	8%	1991	96¾		: :	8.0	10.259
100	98¾	Exch	11%	1991	98¾		: :	11.0	10.582
98¾	89¾	Treas	11¾%	1991	98¾		: :		
95¾	91¾	Treas	9%	1992	95¾		: :	9.1	9.317
98¾	95¾	Treas	9%	1992	98¾		: :	9.11	10.288
98¾	97¾	Treas	10%	1992	98¾	●	: :	10.2	9.941
108¾	98¾	Treas	C10¾%	1992	104		: :	10.4	10.317
102¾	95¾	Exch	12¾%	1992	101¾	●	: :	12.8	10.157
101¾	100¾	Treas	12¾%	1992	100¾		: :	12.8	10.438
104¾	102¾	Exch	13¾%	1992	103¾		: :	13.0	10.728
94	89¾	Fund	9%	1993	93¾	●	: :	9.58	9.259
97¾	89¼	Treas	8¾%	1993	97¾	●	: :	9.4	10.035
99¾	97¼	Treas	10%	1993	99¾		: :	10.0	10.047
104¾	102¾	Treas	12¾%	1993	104		: :	12.9	10.135
108¾	102¾	Treas	12¾%	1993	107		: :	12.8	10.147
99¾	92¾	Treas	9¾%	1994	99¾		: :	9.7	10.048
97¾	83¼	Treas	9%	1994	97		: :	9.2	10.083
99¾	96¾	Treas	10%	1994	99¾		: :	10.0	10.091
106¾	102¾	Exch	12¾%	1994	106	●	: :	11.7	10.109
108	105¾	Exch	13¾%	1994	107¾	●	: :	12.5	10.125
111¾	102¾	Treas	14¾%	1994	109¾		: :	13.2	10.125
89	73½	Gas	9%	1993-96	89¾		: :		
102¾	94¾	Exch	10¾%	1995	102¾		: :	10.1	10.067
108¾	99¾	Treas	12%	1995	108¾		: :	11.8	10.092
109¾	105¾	Treas	12¾%	1995	108¾		: :	11.7	10.130

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

97¾	92¾	Treas	9%	1992-96	97¾	●	: :	9.2	9.796
100	96¾	Conv	10%	1996	99¾		: :	10.0	10.078
99¾	97¾	Conv	10%	1996 B	99¾		: :		
112¾	108	Exch	13¼%	1996	110¾		: :	11.9	10.269
113¾	105¾	Treas	14%	1996	112¾		: :	12.4	10.284
118¾	113¾	Treas	15¼%	1996	117¾		: :	12.9	10.336
94¾	88¾	Treas	8¾%	1997	94¾	●	: :	9.2	10.021
102¾	97¼	Exch	10¾%	1997	101¾	●	: :	10.3	10.097
113¾	108¾	Treas	13¾%	1997	112¾		: :	11.8	10.203
122¾	117	Exch	15%	1997	120¾		: :	12.4	10.260
86¾	80¾	Treas	8¾%	1998-00	86¾		: :	7.8	9.548
98¾	91¾	Exch	9¾%	1998	98¾		: :	9.8	10.008
106¾	104¾	Exch	12%	1998	106		: :	11.9	10.243
127¾	121¼	Treas	15¼%	1998	125¾		: :	12.8	10.295
97¾	90¾	Treas	9¾%	1998	97¾		: :	9.7	9.856
101¾	95¾	Conv	10¾%	1998	100¾		: :	10.1	10.106
108¾	97¾	Treas	11¾%	1998	107¾		: :	10.2	10.110
111¾	105	Exch	12¾%	1998	110¾		: :	11.0	10.207
94¾	89¾	Conv	9%	2000	94¾		: :	9.5	9.845
116¾	110¾	Treas	13%	2000	115¾		: :	11.2	10.240
99¾	95¾	Conv	9%	2001	99¾		: :	9.0	9.000
100¾	93¾	Treas	10%	2001	99¾		: :	10.0	10.022
99¾	90¾	Treas	10%	2001	99¾		: :	9.9	9.999
98¾	89¾	Treas	10%	2002	98¾		: :	10.0	10.024
118¾	113	Treas	14%	1998-01	117¾		: :	11.9	10.370
81¾	77¾	Exch	9%	2002	81¾		: :	8.9	9.000
98¾	91¾	Treas	9¾%	2002	98		: :	9.7	10.050
97¾	92¾	Treas	9¾%	2002	97¾		: :	9.7	10.050
118¾	110¾	Treas	12¾%	2003-05	117		: :	10.6	10.018

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

85¾	79¾	Treas	8%	2002-06	84¾		: :	9.4	9.532
90	81¾	Treas	8¾%	2007	89¾		: :	9.8	9.813
112¾	105¾	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	111¾		: :	10.6	10.018
84¾	80¾	Treas	9%	2008	83¾		: :	9.8	9.784
98¾	89¾	Treas	9%	2008 C	93¾		: :		
126¾	118¾	Treas	13¾%	2004-08	124¾		: :	10.8	10.366
89¾	83¾	Treas	8%	2009	88¾		: :	9.2	9.770
94¾	85¾	Conv	9%	2011	93¾		: :	9.5	9.788
90¾	80¾	Conv	9%	2011 PP	90¾		: :		
85¾	98¾	Treas	5¼%	2008-12	85¾		: :	9.7	9.388
82¾	74¾	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	81¾		: :	9.6	9.570
121¾	113¾	Exch	13%	2013-17	119¾		: :	10.9	9.909

UNDATED

25¾	23¾	Consols	2½%	25¾		: :	
25¾	23¾	Treas	2½%	25¾		: :	
28¾	26¾	Treas	3%	28¾		: :	
56¾	57¾	Conv	3½%	56¾		: :	
40¾	36¾	Consols	4%	39¾		: :	
35¾	33¾	War Ln	3½%	35¾		: :	

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131¾	126¾	Treas IL	2%	1992	131¾			
119¾	115¾	Treas IL	2%	1994	119¾	●	⅛	
172¾	168¾	Treas IL	2%	1996	171¾	●	⅛	
142¾	137¾	Treas IL	2½%	2001	141¾			
159¾	155¾	Treas IL	2½%	2003	157¾		⅛	
140¾	135	Treas IL	2%	2006	139¾	●		
138¾	134¼	Treas IL	2½%	2006	138¾			
132¾	127¾	Treas IL	2½%	2011	130¾	●		
109¾	105¾	Treas IL	2½%	2013	107¾	●		
117¾	113¾	Treas IL	2½%	2016	114¾			
113¾	109¾	Treas IL	2½%	2020	110¾			
95¾	91¾	Treas IL	2½%	2024	91¾			

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80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lifelines)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Lifelines Acc	89.31	95.16	+0.75	2.12
Inc	83.48	87.51	+0.47	1.30
Dry/Gth	50.09	53.29	+0.31	5.63
Global Gth Sec	52.14	55.48	+0.15	1.85
Emrose	52.73	54.95	+0.07	3.12
High Inc Equity	137.4	146.19	+0.7	5.82
W'wide Bond	208.6	219.09	+1.1	8.86
Gilt/Fixed	114.6	121.5	+0.3	9.47

ASTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580

33, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DD				
Tel: 071-374 5987				
Am Inc/Gth	31.5	33.4	+0.3	2.38
Euro	71.47	75.82	-0.12	0.30
Euro Inc	74.66	78.78c	-0.12	1.55
Exmon	774.3	796.0#	+5.2	5.11
Extra Inc	40.13	43.46	+0.29	5.73
F/E Emerg Ec	50.63	54.36#	+0.45	1.17

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 514514 dealing:0793 510366

High Inc	364.4	386.6	+3.7	5.23
Equity Inc	194.8	207.4#	+0.9	4.83
High Yield	213.3	227.1	+2.3	5.49
Balanced	556.6	586.2	+6.1	2.68
Am Inc	39.45	37.79#	+0.22	4.11
World Ass Val	32.84	34.76#	+0.23	1.52
Japan	136.9	144.9	+1.8	0.01
Soc of Am	324.3	345.3	+3.6	0.01

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

Environ	66.26	95.83#	+0.64	3.67
Euro Gth Inc	92.84	99.03#	+0.13	1.80
Extra Inc	96.02	102.7	+0.48	6.27
General	205.1	219.4	+1.6	3.58
Gt/Fxd Income	91.99	53.77c		6.89
Inc Trust	427.2	456.9#	+2.5	5.12

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4RQ
Tel: 081-658 9002

Amer Gth	69.34	73.37#	+0.77	0.49
Am Sm Cos	76.48	81.12#	+0.55	0.20
Australia	69.15	64.46	+0.13	1.90
Convertible	45.10	48.23	+0.36	6.30
Eagle	134.1	143.0	+0.5	1.38
Equity Inc	130.8	139.5	+0.9	5.21
Euro Gth	179.5	190.9	+0.1	2.20
Euro Smlr Cos	154.9	165.7		1.40
Exempt	99.85	106.2#	+0.17	2.49
Germ/Mit Gth	46.24	49.41	-0.05	1.00
Global Gth	83.48	89.12	+0.78	1.00
Jap Gth	155.1	166.1#	+3.3	0.00
Jap Sunrise	140.1	149.5	+1.3	0.00
Pacific	99.85	104.9#	+0.90	3.70
Do Acc	167.9	174.5#	+1.0	3.70
UK Growth	54.38	57.74#	+0.41	3.28
UK Smlr Cos	67.74	71.94#	+0.34	2.00
Select Man	53.84	57.27	+0.32	3.00

BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 128, Bucksteam Kent BR3 4PH Tel: 081-663 3000

Euro Gth	92.66	98.34	+0.12	1.48
1992 Euro Spc	87.43	92.84	+0.11	1.48
Ind Inc	65.48	71.09	+0.76	2.99
NAm Gth	52.56	56.23#	+0.66	1.43
Pacific Gth	75.76	81.02	+0.63	1.87
UK Gth Acc	81.27	86.97	+0.58	2.58
Do Dist	72.50	77.32	+0.50	3.26
UK Income	62.83	67.19	+0.46	6.70

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3139

Balan Gth Acc	81.37	87.03	+0.73	2.71
Do Inc	76.84	82.13	+0.69	5.18
Capital Bond	22.79	24.34	+0.06	6.58
High Yield Acc	40.81	43.75#	+0.48	5.18
Do Inc	32.41	34.67#	+0.34	5.18
Inc Gth Acc	60.30	64.49	+0.64	3.54
Do Inc	42.71	45.68	+0.60	5.18
Service Co Acc	58.85	71.50	+0.46	2.46
Do Inc	49.55	67.96	+0.43	2.46
Am Gth Acc	38.42	35.51#	+0.35	1.28
Do Inc	32.85	35.14#	+0.35	1.28
Euro Gth Acc	26.21	28.06	+0.04	1.88
Do Inc	23.21	23.14	+0.04	1.88
Managed Pen	25.41	27.18	+0.17	0.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Pennywort Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 454444

Financial	108.3	113.2c	..	4.17
Smlr Cos Acc	183.8	194.7	+1.4	0.90
Do Inc	110.1	117.3	+0.9	1.96
High Inc	66.78	71.13	+0.53	5.15
Income	98.04	104.9	+0.50	5.17
Man Portf Inc	81.45	86.74#	+0.45	2.40
Do Acc	148.0	157.9#	+0.7	2.20
Nth Amer	77.07	82.09	+0.58	0.00
Orient	98.15	106.6	+1.30	0.38
Recov	299.0	305.2	+1.9	4.44
Special	92.12	94.51	+0.68	3.45
Technlgy	57.23	59.39	+0.41	0.00
Intl Recov	28.58	30.36	+0.20	0.26
Europe	20.81	22.40	+0.06	0.50
Conv Genrl	17.56	18.70	+0.06	10.18

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 4542 Dealing 071-247 7474

Fellowship Inc	53.83	56.95	+0.20	2.75
Do Acc	57.72	61.41	+0.21	2.75
Inc Fund 3	170.5	181.4	+1.5	5.87
Do Acc 3	381.8	395.1	+3.5	5.87
Inv Port Inc	53.80	56.69#	+0.41	5.48
Do Acc	56.84	60.50#	+0.50	2.96
Smlr Inc 5	82.72	88.29#	+0.21	3.40
Do Acc	107.0	113.4#	+0.3	3.40
Hi Inc Prt Inc	49.51	51.62#	+0.54	5.29

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL
Tel: 071-480 7216

Shl Gt Fxd Int	62.05	62.87	+0.02	8.50

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 185 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 3000

European	101.8	106.3	+0.7	2.30
UK Growth	116.2	123.7#	+1.9	2.78
UK Income	106.8	116.8	+1.7	5.82

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
Tel: 081-902 8976

SE Asia	53.25	56.98	+0.46	2.18
Growth	38.99	42.57#	+0.29	3.89
Income	48.39	51.75#	+0.22	6.21
Far East	39.97	41.79#	+0.38	0.75
Nth Amer	58.84	60.58#	+0.68	0.57
Global	61.47	65.74	+0.88	0.30

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European	80.05	84.26	+0.26	2.87
Japan	94.81	101.4	+1.00	0.01
Strategic Opp	48.84	52.10	+0.14	2.18
Intl Currency	47.16	50.02	+0.13	7.11

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Peatmills Street, Manchester M32AF
Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5885 Dealings:061-236 5982

Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	98.38	101.4	+1.02	0.37
Do Acc	101.3	107.7	+1.06	0.37
European	57.49	61.10#	-0.15	1.31
Do Acc	59.42	63.14#	-0.16	1.31
F East/Gen	48.21	51.29	+0.57	0.00
Do Acc	48.21	51.29	+0.57	0.00
Gleneagles	251.7	266.5	+2.4	2.47
Do Acc	251.1	267.2	+2.7	2.47
Growth	200.5	219.7#	+3.3	2.60
Do Acc	488.0	520.3#	+5.5	2.60
Inc &Gth Inc	327.5	348.5#	+3.4	4.95
Do Acc	466.4	494.5#	+4.2	4.95
Master Portf	234.20	88.42#	+0.59	2.77
Do Acc	263.76	98.44#	+0.65	2.77
Spec Sits	85.56	89.52#	+0.48	2.89
Do Acc	73.5	78.34#	+0.5	2.89
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	210.57	10.90	+0.10	5.92
Do Acc	211.40	11.78	+0.10	5.92

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
3, Hanover Exchange Square, London, E14
9QJ. Tel: Telephones: 071-885 5999
Dealings : 071-885 5955

Amer Index	153.2	163.5	+1.5	2.08
Capit	473.8	505.6	+4.1	3.69
Euro Index	110.9	118.3	+0.4	2.00
Euro Growth	72.78	77.97	+0.59	1.75
Far East Gth	67.67	72.41	+0.84	0.00
Global Bond	20.15	21.44#	+0.06	9.65
Gold Gen S S	69.02	66.39#	-0.05	3.55
Hong Kong	45.41	48.48	+0.67	0.00
Income	448.2	479.3	+4.4	5.39
Int Sp Sits	81.56	86.12#	+0.44	1.83
Jap Gth	201.9	215.4	+3.6	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	90.49	92.54	+0.36	0.00
Jap Index	62.75	66.96	+1.11	0.34
N Amer	317.4	338.7	+2.5	1.35
Sing Money	33.61	35.21	+0.37	0.00
Sing Shares	85.18	91.47	+0.95	0.00
Do Acc	169.2	118.5#	+1.2	4.13

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN
Tel: 071-606 0700

Amer Port'f	59.01	63.12	+0.15	1.73
Euro Port	62.32	66.44	+0.16	0.88
Jap Port	43.77	46.59#	-0.06	0.00
Pacific Port	91.47	98.18	+0.26	0.00
Port	59.56	63.71#	+0.15	2.67
UK Inc/Gth	57.29	61.61	+0.27	5.34

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

Inv	548.4	548.7	..	5.23
Fixed Int	137.5	138.1	..	10.50
Deposit	100.0	..	..	10.80

CHARTIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

Income	£27.4	530.7#	..	5.28
Acc	£19.12	19.35	..	
Deposit	100.0	..	..	10.75
Fixed Int Inc	111.3	111.5#	..	10.40
Do Acc	125.0	125.9#	..	

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5956

Assets	51.75	54.48#	..	2.98
Back Inc Op Ac	63.20	64.95#	+0.44	5.41
Prfer Inter Inc	169.4	179.5	..	9.30
Prfer Inter Cap	208.2	220.6#	..	2.76

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St. Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: Enquiries: 081-661 3222 Dealing: 081-686 9818

Am Gth	79.48	84.55	+0.82	1.67
Euro Gth	80.42	85.55	+0.28	1.46
Far East	72.92	77.57	+0.90	0.70
Gen Gwth	34.81	37.00#	+0.62	0.00
Managed Inc	51.21	54.48	+0.35	5.53
Do Acc	60.93	64.82	+0.35	5.53
Monthly Inc	42.20	44.89#	+0.06	10.05
Smlr Cos Inc	27.58	29.34	+0.06	3.50
Do Acc	29.51	31.47	+0.09	3.50
UK/Gen Inc	62.06	66.02	+0.51	5.98
Do Acc	71.14	75.68	+0.58	5.98
W'wide Bond	49.81	52.98	+0.59	5.38
Do Acc	61.17	65.07	+0.72	5.38
W'wide Sp Sits	44.52	47.51#	+0.35	1.22
Do accm	49.67	48.27#	+0.28	1.22
Quilter Gen Inc	107.7	114.6	+1.15	1.34
Do Acc	114.1	121.4	+1.21	1.34
Quilter Inc	98.68	94.39#	+0.77	5.68
Do Acc	100.3	106.7#	+0.86	5.68
Quilter Intl Inc	104.8	111.2	+0.71	0.01
Do Acc	109.5	112.3	+0.73	0.01
Qtr UK S/S Inc	89.18	73.20	+0.54	4.35
Do Acc	89.3	95.0	+0.6	4.35

COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT

Financ/Prop	89.23	94.83	+0.78	3.17
Fixed/Conv	33.57	35.14#	+0.18	9.03
Do Acc	80.80	85.96#	+0.44	9.03
Equity Inc	131.4	139.8#	+1.8	5.46
Do Acc	491.2	522.5#	+3.59	5.46
High Yield Inc	106.8	113.6	+0.80	6.91
Do Acc	364.1	387.4	+2.73	6.91
Preference Inc	39.29	40.73#	+0.02	10.59
Do Acc	78.3	83.15#	+0.09	10.59
PPT Europe	129.9	138.2#	+0.72	0.69
PPT Global	81.21	85.12#	+0.21	3.77
PPT Gld/Coin	43.87	46.60#	+0.09	2.46
PPT Intl	97.18	99.56#	+0.08	2.76
PPT Jap	92.82	98.19#	+0.31	1.29
PPT Jap Inc	102.2	108.7#	+1.13	1.00
PPT Nth Amer	104.8	111.5#	+0.42	0.89
PPT Shp/Mi	72.09	75.89#	+0.68	0.00
PPT UK	101.7	108.2#	+1.04	1.55
PPT Cash	82.49	⊕	+0.02	11.82

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 080236

Amer	88.88	94.44	+0.88	1.15
Capit	120.5	128.1	+0.4	2.34
Convertible	22.48	23.85	+0.21	8.16
Eurofund	32.85	34.89	+0.10	1.15
Exempt Mngd	147.5	152.8		5.21
Extra Inc	94.10	99.43#	+0.79	5.94
Growth/Inc	203.0	215.7#	+2.7	4.36
High Dist	143.7	152.7	+1.5	6.61
High Inc	100.8	107.7c	+1.1	6.73
Ind/Growth	232.0	246.5#	+2.4	1.18
Intl	127.2	288.6#	+3.5	1.52
Intl Inc	91.38	85.15#	+0.17	6.28
Pacific	37.38	40.07	+0.40	1.00
Smlr Jap Cos	94.11	98.12	+0.36	0.90

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Tokyo	172.1	182.2	+3.5	0.00
Ex Am 2	161.6	165.2	..	1.31
Ex Jap 3	112.3	115.4	-3.4	0.08
Ex Smlr Jap 4	655.2	670.5	..	0.06

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG Tel: 0242 577525

Overst Op Acc	80.48	84.28	+0.58	1.32
Japanese	52.48	55.83	+0.58	0.00
UK Balan Inc	98.14	104.4	+0.90	3.94
Do Acc	110.8	117.9	+0.9	3.94
UK Gth Accum	182.7	173.1	+1.9	2.57
UK Hi Inc	117.5	125.0	+1.1	5.66
UK Hi Inc Acc	128.3	134.4	+1.2	5.56
N Amer Acc	80.79	85.95#	+0.79	1.06
Euro Acc	108.7	113.5#	+0.6	0.24
UK Pref/Fl Inc	54.69	57.99	+0.19	8.29
Do Acc	78.57	83.12	+0.19	8.29
Intl Gp S Acc	41.07	43.69	+0.62	0.85
Eaverntl Opp	54.95	58.46	+0.47	1.38

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Hartington Chambers London SW7 4JU
Tel: 071 373 7287

Endurance	147.8	157.2	..	1.87

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431400

Equitile Pelican	104.2	109.6	+1.09	5.14
High Inc	109.6	115.4	+1.19	8.19
7 Of Inv Tr	110.8	116.6#	+0.72	3.29
Spec Sits	97.10	102.2	+1.14	4.30
N Am	76.66	80.65	+0.69	0.96
Far East	171.7	180.6#	+0.99	1.39
Intl Gth	73.91	77.80	-1.95	2.25
Euro	55.80	58.78	+0.57	1.82
Smlr Cos	53.73	56.56	+0.26	4.33

EQUITY & LAW
Customer Service Department, Bowbridge Rd, Newark, Notts NG24 4BA Tel: 0636 705321

CVT 1987 Tst	2863	3021	+2.7	3.30
UK Gth Accum	284.5	299.1	+2.2	2.62
Do Inc	185.3	195.7	+1.4	4.74
Managed Inc Acc	485.3	485.1	+4.3	4.74
Do Inc	308.2	327.9	+2.8	4.74
Glbs/Fxd Acc	137.5	144.8	+0.2	8.79
Do Inc	92.27	96.99	+0.15	8.79
N American	111.7	117.5	+0.8	0.00
Far East	227.1	241.7	+3.0	0.41
Europe	228.2	213.5	+1.9	0.58
Genrl	372.2	392.1	+2.5	3.34
Genrl Acc	378.2	402.4	+3.9	3.34
Bl Excellence	55.01	58.53	+0.58	3.25
Bl Pacific Inc	59.40	62.13	+0.74	5.56
Do Acc	59.58	62.32	+0.74	5.56
Global Ops	58.70	62.32	+0.46	0.21

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hemel Hempstead Herts HP1 1HG Tel: 0800 414161

American	165.7	175.2	+2.1	0.00
Cash Unit	131.31	⊕	+0.03	11.27
European	98.4	103.5	-0.1	0.50
Gen/Inc	128.4	135.5	+1.0	5.59
Inc Plus	102.8	110.1	+1.2	7.42
UK Gth	52.34	56.13#	+0.47	0.00

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
6th Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000

Euro Income	73.3	78.4	+0.38	4.04
Far East	117.1	125.6	+1.5	0.00
Ofseas Income	68.43	73.72	+0.69	3.98
UK Growth	69.51	74.54	+1.15	5.25
UK Inc Fund	106.1	113.8	+0.9	5.05
US Smlr Cos	135.9	145.4	+1.2	0.00

FRANLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
135, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3PT Tel: 071-374 4100

Am Smlr Cos	289.9	310.5#	+2.2	..
Cash	288.4	309.0#	+2.2	..
Capls Inc	336.4	351.4	+1.8	5.39
Do Acc	313.0	332.5	+2.2	5.39
Cont Smlr Inc	41.92	44.27	-0.05	0.27
Do Acc	41.92	44.27	-0.05	0.27
Conv Inc	161.5	167.3#	+0.1	7.64
Euro Inc	171.0	181.2#	+0.2	7.84
Euro Acc	88.95	94.97	..	0.54
Extra Inc Inc	87.37	92.45	+0.1	5.59
Do Acc	345.7	359.2#	+1.9	5.59
Financial	331.3	341.7#	+2.4	5.59
Financial Acc	83.68	87.59	+0.51	5.28
Gen Inc	84.5	89.03	+0.58	5.28
Intl Gth	171.8	172.1	+1.5	5.28
Do Acc	206.7	218.8	+1.8	5.28
Jap & Gen Inc	244.6	258.1	+2.1	..
Do Acc	271.5	287.1	+2.3	..
Mangd Inc	141.9	152.3	+1.2	..
Do Acc	143.3	153.8	+1.2	..
Mangd Port Inc	76.52	80.51	+0.44	1.82
Do Acc	77.15	81.18	+0.45	1.82
Monthly Inc	122.4	130.1#	+0.8	5.88
Recov	204.2	222.2#	+1.9	1.39
Do Acc	236.0	258.0#	+2.3	1.39
Smlr Inc	97.54	103.3#	+0.64	5.03
Do Acc	109.6	43.27	+0.15	3.55
Gft Gth Inc	59.63	61.50	+0.27	5.08
Do Acc	64.76	66.79	+0.29	5.08
Gth Inc Inc	57.02	59.34	+0.27	5.08
Do Acc	55.50	57.54	+0.24	5.08

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Sunbury, Surrey TW16 7BH Tel: 0932 782341 Sales:0372 411411 Admin:0372 411622

Equity Dist	265.2	283.4	+1.82	3.76
Do Acc	548.2	585.2	+3.68	3.76
Euro Gth Dist	90.76	96.34#	+0.55	0.67
Do Acc	92.51	98.19#	+0.56	0.67
Fixed Int Dist	116.8	122.3	+0.27	8.27
Do Acc	177.9	189.2	+0.42	8.27
Gth Dist	62.63	66.63	+0.22	0.70
Do Acc	64.13	68.23	+0.23	0.70
N Am Dist	140.9	149.9#	+1.51	1.25
Do Acc	150.1	159.7#	+1.62	1.25
Pac Basin Dist	191.0	203.1#	+0.86	0.44
Do Acc	193.4	205.7#	+0.87	0.44
Spec Sits Dist	225.4	239.8#	+1.02	2.65
Do Acc	238.6	253.7	+2.06	2.65
Stand Inc Dist	51.10	54.36#	+0.27	4.97
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Small power men generate big hopes

Operators of small hydro-electric plants in England and Wales who want to sell the power they generate are going through an anxious time. They will not know until the end of next month whether their bids to supply power have been successful, or what price they will get from the electricity companies.

Nor do they know what will happen after 1998 when, as a result of a European Community intervention, the system under which electricity companies are obliged to take some non-fossil-fuel power looks like ending. Arrangements for Scotland are being negotiated.

Hydropower producers are hoping that last week's announcement by the energy department of a new advisory group to promote research into renewable energy will result in a more sensible regime.

Long-term planning is important because it is often only over lengthy periods that hydropower shows its true value. The big Scottish schemes, for example, were installed 25 or more years ago and can now generate power at 1.1p a unit, against a pool price of about 2.2p paid to the big producers, such as National Power.

New plants, too, may easily last 25 years or more, and the potential capacity of non-polluting hydropower is great, according to a study by Friends of the Earth. But, as things stand, the new plants must cover their costs before 1998.

This has not stopped a buzz of optimism. Gerry Pope, of Bovey Tracey, Devon, who makes electronic equipment to link private power suppliers with the national grid, says: "We are getting a lot of enquiries. People are getting excited at the extra money they hope to receive; 6p a unit is the guess."

However, Commander George Chapman, honorary secretary of the National Association of Water Power Users, says that such guessing is premature.

At the heart of the calculation is a fixed sum drawn from a levy on the power industry's use of fossil fuels that will be used to subsidise renewable energy.

All successful bidders will get the same price, even if they bid less. This means that older installations, which are least in need of subsidy, will do best and receive a subsidy that could arguably have been used to pay for more new hydropower systems.

DAVID SPARK.

Scientists studying food sources in Sudan have found that wild plants can offer a nourishing diet. **Carmel McQuaid** reports

Secrets of survival in times of famine

Crop failure may no longer lead to starvation in the western Sudan. The leaves, berries, thorns and seeds of uncultivated plants, which grow all over the area, have been found to be a source of nutrients on a par with local staple cereals, and sometimes as good as fish and meat.

Investigations just completed show that these wild plants, if seeded in areas unsuitable for cultivated crops, could provide alternative food during a famine.

Led by Dr David Harper, an agricultural chemist, scientists from Queen's university, Belfast, and Khartoum university visited about 150 villages in the Kordofan and Darfur regions of Sudan to find out what the survivors ate during the 1984-85 famine.



Tilling the earth in Sudan

The scientists found that the consumption of indigenous plants was crucial for survival and far surpassed that of cultivated grain.

In Belfast, more than 50 of the plants were prepared as in the Sudan and then analysed in a laboratory. They were proved to be an immense and previously unrecognised food resource.

In particular, a dish called kawal, which had frequently been the sole support of people whom food shipments had failed to reach, was seen to contain high quality protein. Made from a small tropical weed called *cassia obtusifolia*, it was the end product of an elaborate fermentation outsiders had long dismissed as tribal folklore.

The leaves used in the tests were grown in a glasshouse at Queen's from seeds from the Sudan and subjected to the same preparation scientists had observed during their visit. Pounded to a paste, they were packed into a large earthenware pot, with other leaves on top to give moisture, then sealed with mud and buried in shade, to be dug up every few days and again mixed by hand.

Tests on the pungent-smelling black balls produced after a fortnight showed them to be very rich in methionine, an essential amino acid usually obtained from fish or meat. Their calcium content of 4.1 per cent was the highest of more than 40 legume species examined.

"Fermentation appears to offer a means of converting leaf protein from an uncultivated and probably highly toxic legume of no current economic significance to an acceptable and relatively high quality protein which can largely replace meat in the diet," Dr Harper says.

"The whole process was biochemically and microbiologically unusual. Virtually no pH change occurs, presumably because the high calcium content of the leaves acts as a buffer."

Fermentation was also seen to transform bitter and indigestible sesame seedcake (what remains after the oil has been extracted from sesame seeds) into a meaty-tasting traditional Sudanese food called sigda.

Produced at Queen's by the same method and nutritionally evaluated, it showed high concentrations of potassium, calcium, magnesium, sulphur and phosphorus. The increase recorded in the seedcake's sulphur amino content after fermentation confirms sigda as a useful supplement to diets short in meat or fish.

Fermentation also causes phytic acid, a plant substance which prevents absorption of minerals into the body, to fall by 98 per cent. As fermented products can be stored indefinitely, it also offers a low-cost food preservation technique tailor-made for conditions in this part of Africa.

But it was poisonous berries called mukeit, taken from a small evergreen shrub, which emerged as the main food throughout the hungry years. Their pea-sized seeds, sweetened, softened and made safe by prolonged soaking and boiling, proved, when tested, to be as nutritional as the routine cereal sorghum. They also gave similar protein – about twice the quantity – often consumed in the form of a flat, thin bread called kisra, made when the berries had been sun-dried into a flour.

The documentation of Sudan's resources discovered by the team, which was financed by Band Aid and Live Aid, is being finalised.

CRISPIN RODWELL



Emergency rations: agricultural chemist Dr David Harper with samples of wild seeds from the Sudan

A sweet answer

A NEW additive for confectionery could result in chocolate being almost as good a fighter of tooth decay as fluoride. Extracted from milk, the additive is a soluble protein called casein phosphopeptide (CPP). It was discovered by Australian scientists and is to be tested next year. "CPP not only prevents decay but repairs teeth by replacing calcium phosphate destroyed when sugar is converted to acid in the mouth," says Dr Eric Reynolds, a dental researcher at Melbourne university.

Super TV

THE first private high-definition satellite television station went on air last weekend. Japan Satellite Broadcasting plans to transmit programmes with the wide-screen clarity of cinema pictures, but sets capable of receiving quality pictures cost £17,000.

Brainy idea

RESEARCHERS are using computer imaging to make the first comprehensive map of the brain in the hope that it will help brain surgeons to perform more effectively. "There is a great deal we do not know about the brain's function and we are trying to chart it," says Dr Peter Fox, the director of the Research Imaging Centre at the University of Texas and organiser of the Brainmap project. In two years, the team hopes doctors will be able to take an image of a patient's brain, feed it into a computer and receive previous research on that part of the brain.

Faster still

AMERICA and Japan may join forces to produce aircraft which will be able to fly nearly three times faster than the speed of sound (2,223.3mph) and link Tokyo and Los Angeles in about four hours. Boeing, which is developing the aircraft, known as the High Speed Civil Transport (HSCT), with the National Space Agency (Nasa), has invited two Japanese fibre companies to produce synthetic materials for the fuselage and wings.

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No Scots review of English detention

Sokha v Home Secretary

Before Lord Prosser

[Judgment June 19]

Where an illegal immigrant, who had been detained in England pending a decision upon whether to remove him from the United Kingdom, and who had no connection whatsoever with Scotland, sought in a Scottish Court judicial review of his continued detention, founding jurisdiction upon the omnipresence of the Crown, the application would be refused upon the ground of *forum non conveniens*, notwithstanding that his case was more likely to succeed in the Scottish courts than in those of England.

Lord Prosser so held in the Outer House of the Court of Session, refusing an application for judicial review brought by Sukhvinder Singh Sokha of his continued detention under paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971.

Mr Mungo Bovey for the petitioner; Mrs Fiona Reith for the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

LORD PROSSER said that the petitioner had been detained as an illegal entrant in terms of the Immigration Act 1971. His case was typical of those which had come before the court and resulted in interim liberation.

However, his case differed in one respect from all others that had previously arisen in Scotland. The petitioner had no connection whatsoever with Scotland. He had arrived in England from overseas, and had lived and worked there. He was now imprisoned there.

The respondent was domiciled in both jurisdictions, but could be relied upon to obey any order of the court, even in England. He contested the application on the ground of *forum non conveniens*.

Put shortly, the petitioner's reason for applying to the court was that he had a good hope of success in Scotland, and none in England. That that might be so, on a matter of personal liberty arising out of a United Kingdom statute, would at least be odd. Nevertheless, it appeared that practice differed between the two countries.

In England, the petitioner could seek bail only where that was ancillary to a challenge to a decision to remove him from the realm, and no such decision had yet been made. In any event, he had no realistic prospect of obtaining leave to proceed with such an application in England, nor of obtaining *habeas corpus*.

His Lordship did not understand the respondent to dispute that in Scotland release from detention in such a case was now regarded as normal, even where there had been, as here, some history of evasion and even deception by the illegal entrant.

Such a difference was not necessarily incomprehensible. Practice in Scotland might reflect unease at the deprivation of liberty for periods which, in Scotland, would be regarded as unacceptable pending a criminal trial. English practice might differ because of actual differences in the experience of operating the system.

In general, the court respected a party's right to invoke its jurisdiction. A plea of *forum non conveniens* required the respondent to show that there was another tribunal, having jurisdiction, in which the case might be tried more suitably for the interests of the parties and the ends of justice: see *Sim v Robinow* ((1892) 19 R 665).

The comparative prospects of success for either party were not determinative of the question: any advantage to one party was a disadvantage to the other. Nevertheless, if Scots law provided a remedy unavailable elsewhere, that weighted against repudiating jurisdiction: see *Low v Low* ((1893) 1 SLT 43).

In *Spiliada Maritime Corp v Cansulex Ltd* ([1987] 1 AC 460) the House of Lords had referred to *The Abidin Daver* ([1984] AC 398) where Lord Diplock had adopted *Sim* as expressing the law of both England and Scotland. In *Spiliada*, Lord Goff had pointed out that it was evident from *Trendtex Trading Corp v Credit Suisse* ([1982] AC 679) that a party might be obliged to go to another, and otherwise more appropriate forum, notwithstanding that he was thereby deprived of quite important advantages.

Lord Goff had also observed that once it had been established that there was another available forum which was *prima facie* the appropriate forum, then the burden shifted on to a pursuer to show special circumstances by reason of which justice required that the trial should nevertheless take place where the action had been raised.

Here, the English courts were *prima facie* the appropriate forum. The overwhelming pointers towards England would only be overcome if it could be said that in England the petitioner would not obtain justice.

It was possible that there were still some countries of which that could be said, but England was not one of them. As for remedies, the powers of the English courts were in the present context similar to, if not identical with, those of the Scottish courts. It was simply that, according to the petitioner, those powers were less likely to be exercised in his favour.

It was not a question of potential injustice, but of a possible deprivation of a legitimate "personal or juridical advantage" *(The Abidin Daver)*. However, as Lord Goff had explained in *Spiliada*, deprivation of such an advantage would not, in general constitute injustice.

The application would be refused.

Solicitors: Drummond Miller, WS; Solicitor to the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Standard of proof in suing solicitor for loss of right to appeal

Kyle v P. & J. Stormonth Darling, WS

Before Lord Prosser

[Judgment July 10]

Where a client sued his solicitors for negligently depriving him of the right to appeal against a decree that had passed against him, it was unnecessary for the client to offer to prove that on a balance of probabilities the appeal would have succeeded, and it was sufficient for him to aver that he had a reasonable prospect of success, for the right to appeal was an opportunity or chance upon which a value could be placed.

Lord Prosser so held in the Outer House of the Court of Session, allowing proof before answer in action brought by John Kyle against his former solicitors, P. & J. Stormonth Darling, WS, who had sought to have the action dismissed for lack of relevancy.

Mr Richard Keen for Mr Kyle; Mr Angus Stewart for the defenders.

LORD PROSSER said that the defenders were a firm of solicitors whom the pursuer had instructed to defend an action that had been brought against him. The sheriff and, on appeal, the sheriff principal had found against Mr Kyle.

An appeal to the Court of Session had been marked. However, the defenders had then failed to lodge the necessary papers and the appeal had been held to be abandoned.

The pursuer was now suing the defenders. The defenders had admitted negligence and breach of contract, but they denied that the pursuer had suffered any loss as a result, that is, they admitted *iniuria* but denied *damnum*.

The pursuer had averred only that he had a reasonable prospect of succeeding in the appeal, or at least of reaching a compromise. The defenders had argued that only if he averred that there would, on a balance of probabilities, have been a favourable outcome to the appeal, would his case be relevant.

The claim was in effect for the loss of a chance or opportunity to obtain a benefit, or mitigate a loss. In such a situation, was it necessary to offer to prove on a balance of probabilities that one would have achieved a favourable result? Or was it enough to say that the negligence had caused the loss of a chance to seek such a result?

In relation to *damnum*, talk of lost opportunity was something of a red herring. Proof by probabilities was required not only of the link between the negligence and the lost chance, but of the link between the lost chance and the eventual *damnum*: *Kenyon v Bell* (1953 SC 125).

In general, an element of lost opportunity would have that merely intermediate status and a claim would usually be for some subsequent loss. That had to be proved by the ordinary standard of probabilities.

Was the loss of a chance to proceed with litigation different in some way?

The pursuer argued that once it was established that he had been deprived of a right through the defenders' *iniuria*, one was no longer concerned with proving *damnum* on a balance of probabilities. One would be concerned merely with the question of valuation of the litigant's prospects: *Yeoman v Ferries*, (1967 SC 255); *Kitchen v RAF Association*, ([1958] 1 WLR 563); *Cook v Swinfen* ([1967] 1 WLR 457).

A distinction could be drawn between cases where some opportunity or chance had been lost which was not itself a matter of legal right *(Kenyon v Bell)*, and cases where the lost opportunity or chance was itself a matter of legal right *(Yeoman v Ferries)*.

In the former category, it would be appropriate to value the lost opportunity. In order to prove a completed wrong, it would be necessary to show, on a balance of probabilities, some loss flowing from the loss of opportunity.

In the latter category, the deprivation of a legal right would in itself constitute a completed wrong, as all reasonable prospects of success could be taken into account as a matter of valuation, even if they fell short of probability, following *Siraj-Eldin v Campbell Middleton Burness and Dickson*. (1989 SLT 122).

The court would allow proof before answer.

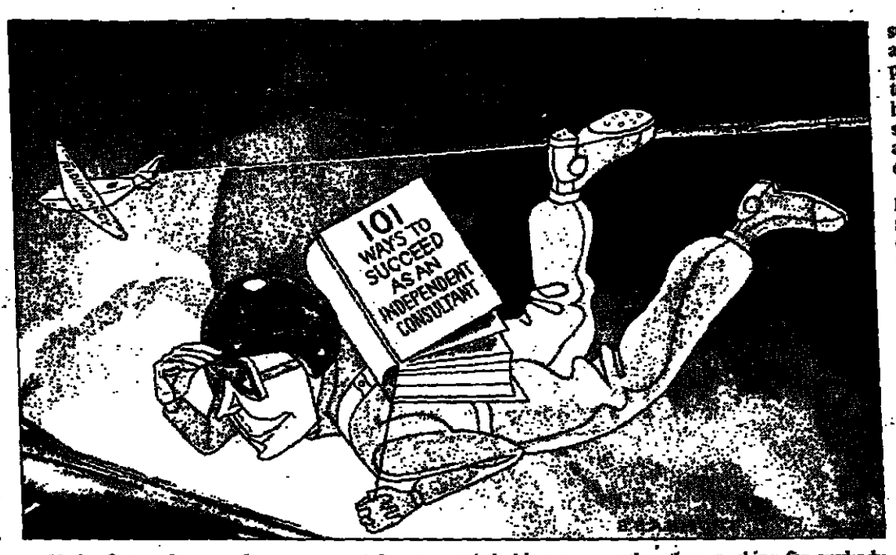
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Being your own boss catches on

Executives who have had their employment terminated are finding the lure of being self-employed leading to new and rewarding careers, Clare Hogg reports



For executives who find themselves at a career crossroads, the options available may seem less than inviting. Many, particularly those who have been pushed into the decision by redundancy, are bitterly disillusioned by employment. The alternative, becoming self-employed, may seem a big gamble, given the present economic climate.

The Management Consultancies Association, for example, has just reported a fall in business in the past quarter, and Brian O'Rorke, the executive director, comments: "The present consultancy market is stable largely through a lowering of expectations."

There is, however, evidence to suggest that the picture for the individual consultant may not be so gloomy. A survey of the independent consultancy market, published by GMS, an executive leasing agency, has found encouraging signs.

For the consultants who know what they are doing, 1990 was a good year, relatively unaffected by the recession, and average earnings are forecast to increase by 11.6 per cent.

The size of the market is thought to have grown by about 20 per cent during the past year, and at the same time there has been a dramatic increase — of at least 40 per cent — in the number of executives registering with intermediaries, such as GMS.

Slack time reported in this year's survey has decreased. Those working in information technology or finance and administration are doing best. The past two years' surveys consistently show that independent consultancy can be a way of generating a high income, though earnings, in fact, show big swings between totally insufficient to higher than could be obtained anywhere else.

The highest earner reported in the survey is a specialist in mergers and acquisitions work. Asked how he was being affected by the recession, he replied: "What recession?" He earned £180,000 in 1990 compared with £140,000 in 1989 and sees his income rising to £250,000 this year.

He obtains most of his business from an impressive network of lawyers, accountants and merchant banks, but stresses that his relationship with them is only as good as the quality of the last job he did. Charles Russam, the author of the report and managing director of GMS, says: "He displays the hallmark of the professional. He makes it look easy."

It is not. Mr Russam points out that "the responses from those reporting low earnings indicates a significant lack of awareness of how the independent consultancy market operates, and how a living can best be made in it".

GMS conducts courses advising those new to independent consultancy on how to go about it successfully, and avoid the pitfalls. Peter Bachelor, who runs the courses, and is an "independent", describes the content as "very nuts and bolts, feet on the ground, non-academic".

Aside from such practical basics, Mr Bachelor says, many participants have qualms about where their business is going to come from and are concerned about isolation.

"What participants get from one another is worth almost as much as what they get from the presenters," Mr Bachelor says. He stresses: "The number one priority in this game is confidence." This is a factor that may go some way in explaining the success of John Valentine, described by one colleague as "a supremely confident man".

As 1990 began, Mr Valentine was at the crossroads in his career after working for large companies for 27 years. Within a short time he was to join the band of middle-aged managers who need actively to market their services directly to industry.

Today Mr Valentine is the managing director of the Schroder Venture-backed Fairmead Group, as a result of a management buy-in. Mr Valentine put up a relatively small stake of £50,000 for 15 per cent of the ordinary share capital of a company with a capital of £3.6 million.

Now, Mr Valentine says he feels he is running his own company, rather than working for anybody else. In contrast, Peter Jones decided to take a less original path to independence, but with an equally satisfactory outcome. Saladin Computer Systems is a small company that provides specialist information and risk management systems for the international petroleum trading industry.

"We wanted somebody of a higher calibre than we could justify for a full-time permanent position to advise on personnel and compensation," says Martin Yates, the managing director of the company.

"I asked an agency specialising in temporary executives to submit some CVs. The arrangement was a success, and now, by the amicable agreement of all, we have a direct, permanent arrangement with Peter Jones. We needed somebody to help us to formulate strategy, somebody who will challenge our assumptions more than somebody employed internally might."

Mr Valentine and Mr Jones have little in common, but they show the ways by which ex-employees can now escape the slog up the corporate ladder and work instead for themselves.

Susie Kershaw, a career counsellor, has "watched many people making the decision to go independent". She stresses the importance of "the two Ms" — marketing and money. "You can be brilliant at doing something, but if you cannot do the marketing, and deal with the money, you will be sunk," she says.

Mr Valentine cautions against setting off down the road to independence without serious thought. "You must be sure this is really what you want to do," he says. Mr Kershaw echoes those views. "Many people who have been made redundant feel, 'I never want to be so vulnerable again'," he says. "I tell people to hang on and think some more, that self-employment is not the only way.

"If they are very young they may need a bit more experience. If they are older they may not have the right personality to cope with the lack of structure and the isolation."

● *For further details:* 101 Ways to Succeed as an Independent Consultant, *by Timothy R.V. Foster (Kogan Page 1991); GMS, 48 High Street North, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU6 1LA (0582 666970)*

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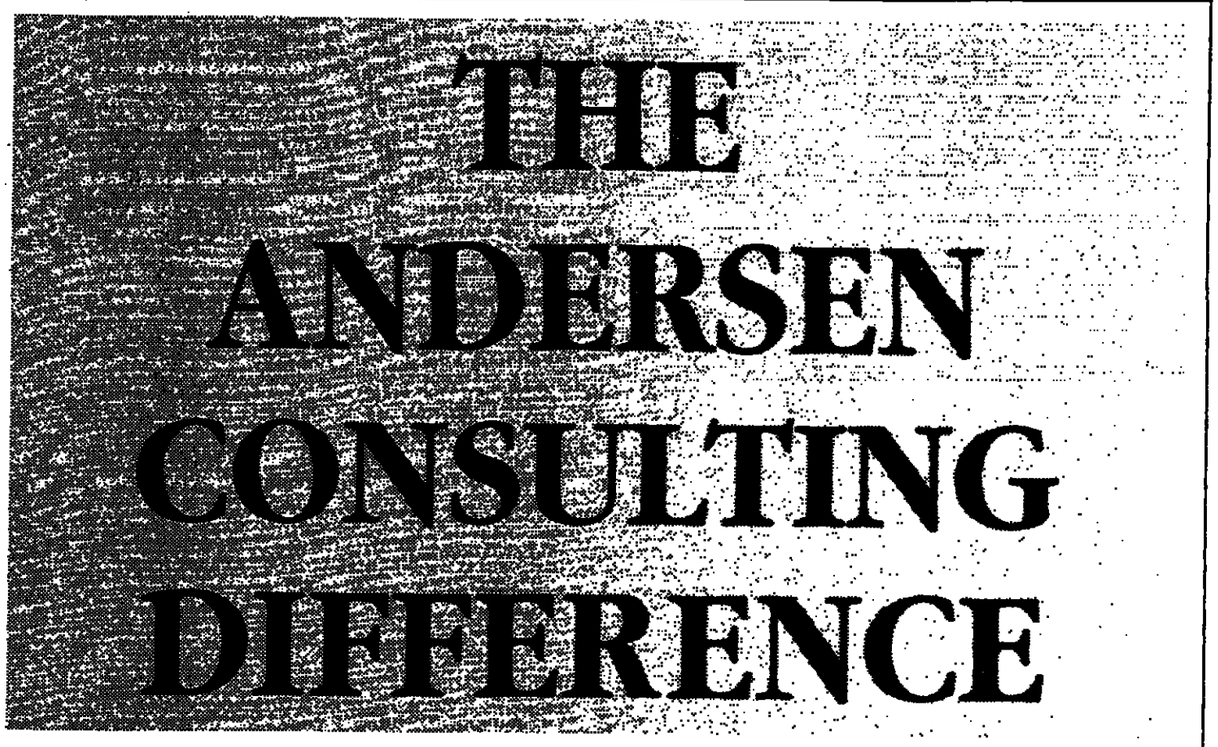
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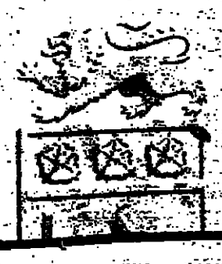
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Hannon to boost winning sequence with Strong Suit

STRONG Suit, from the in-form Richard Hannon stable, can take the Whitchurch Stakes at Salisbury today. He is my nap.

He created a highly favourable impression at Newmarket last Friday when winning a competitive nursery by two-and-a-half lengths from John Rose with the well-regarded Zamirah another one-and-a-half lengths away third.

The key to him seems to be the ground. After running a creditable second to Rodrigo De Triano (subsequently the winner of a listed race) at Newbury, he disappointed on soft going when only fourth at Sandown.

But, back on a sound surface at Newmarket, he produced his best running yet. With the ground at Salisbury very much on the fast side, he will again have his preferred conditions.

Course and distance winner Silver Wisp could provide the greatest threat. After beating Bundesbank (a winner since) here in June, he went on to beat Governor's Imp by two lengths at Chester, staying on strongly in the short straight. He may yet have scope for further improvement.

Brandon Prince can complete a treble in the Violet Applin Challenge Cup Handicap. He has his share of weight for a three-year-old but is in excellent heart following defeats of Prince Sobur and Caetani at Newbury and Doncaster respectively.

Puff Puff won easily over two miles on the all-weather at Lingfield last Saturday and is not harshly treated with only a 4lb penalty, while Kiska runs as though as she will be suited by this step up from a mile-and-a-half.

Ian Balding, the trainer of



Hannon: excellent prospects with Strong Suit

Brandon Prince, can initiate a double with Spurned in the Tote Bookmakers' Handicap. She made a belated seasonal debut at Pontefract last week but put up a commendable performance to finish a head second to Threshfield.

At Beverley, the consistent Annaceramic can record her third win from five starts this season in the Win With The Tote Handicap. After a four-length win under top weight in a seller at Redcar, she was a neck second to Who's Tef over this course and distance last month. Who's Tef is once more in opposition and, while there is unlikely to be much between them, Annaceramic narrowly earns the vote.

Fiddling, disqualified for interference early in the race when second to Seamere at Pontefract last week, has a good opportunity for compensation in the C F Struthers Platers Sprint Handicap. Seamere reopposes under a 10lb penalty which means that Fiddling is 7lb better off for a short head defeat.

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BEVERLEY: 3.00 Reach For Glory; 5.30 Never Late. SALISBURY: 4.15 Shot Stopper; 4.45 Dutch Czarina, Palm Swift. SOUTHWELL: 2.35 Petite Makaline; 3.05 Ramsey Street, Finglow.

Dashing Blade returns to track

By RICHARD EVANS

IF racing possessed a patron saint he would surely have approved of the victory of Powerful Edge in the Sandown Maiden Stakes at Salisbury yesterday.

The two-year-old half-brother to Dashing Blade is owned by Jeff Smith and the impressive win could not have been a more deserving reward.

Smith also owns Dashing Blade and it was disclosed only hours before racing that the four-year-old is to return to the racecourse after being retired to stud last autumn. The 1989 Dewhurst winner has covered 35 mares in recent months. The adventurous move could end, if all goes well, with a tilt at the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in October.

Reflecting on the decision in the winner's enclosure yesterday, Smith said: "There are too many traditions in racing. People should think for themselves. We will aim him right at the top. He was a very underrated three-year-old and when he was right he cantered up in two group one races.

"If he is right I would like to have a go for the Arc, although I might have to bully the trainer. If we can run Generous to a neck I will be happy. That is what racing is all about. You never know."

Dashing Blade, who won almost £500,000 in prize-money before being retired last September due to a tendon injury, is restored to full health and resumed training with Ian Balding earlier this month. He did his first bit of serious work yesterday. "The horse is top class, the gamble is the leg," Balding said.

Whatever the outcome of the bold policy, Smith deserves hearty congratulations. Dashing Blade will probably return to Smith's Littleton Stud in Hampshire at the end of the season to resume stud duties but could return to racing in 1992 if there are no problems.

Meanwhile, Powerful Edge is being aimed for the GPA National Stakes at the Curragh on September 7, a group one race Balding has won for the past two years with Heart Of Darkness and Dashing Blade.

Following sound performances in listed and group two company, Gai Bulga took full advantage of a drop in class in the Upavon Fillies' Stakes. Gary Carter was looking over his shoulder two-and-a-half furlongs from home and with all his rivals hard at work had little to fear.

Gai Bulga is now likely to contest the Virginia Stakes at Newcastle on August 26, David Loder, assistant to Geoff Wragg, said.

Mading, the Queen Mary winner and unbeaten daughter of Marwell, the former champion sprinter, will not run in the St Hugh's Stakes at Newbury on Saturday as intended after coughing last weekend, Loder added. Jeune is another victim and will miss the Gimcrack Stakes at York following his effortless debut victory at Yarmouth last month.

Ron's Victory, who broke the course record when winning the Diadem Stakes by 10 lengths at Ascot last September, has been bought by agent Luke Lillingston for Peter Stanley's New England Stud at Newmarket. The four-year-old will be syndicated at £8,000 a share, valuing the colt at £320,000.

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MANDARIN
2.35 Greetland Rock. 3.05 Super Virtuosa. 3.35 Sandmoor Denim. 4.05 Silk Thread. 4.35 Tyrian Purple. 5.05 Mac's Princess.

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2.35 Lady Of The Fen. 3.05 Super Virtuosa. 3.35 Ain'tlifelikethat. 4.05 St Arilda. 4.35 Tyrian Purple. 5.05 Mac's Princess.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
4.35 Shine On Brightly.

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2.35 ROYAL DOULTON HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,386: 5f AW) (18 runners)

1 1603 PRINCE BELFORT 6 (D,F) M Naughton 9-7 J Bleasdale 14
2 0002 LADY OF THE FEN 19 (CD,F) Mrs N Macauley 9-5 J Marshall (7) 9
3 5453 GREETLAND ROCK 7 (B,BF,CD,F) J Berry 9-4 G Carter 12
4 -006 RICKETTY 55 (D,S) M W Easterby 8-12 ..... D Nicholls 18
5 6430 MORE LARKS 50 (B) M James 8-12 ..... A Mackay 6
6 0086 DOMINO DANCING 28 (D,F) C Nelson 8-11 G Duffield 13
7 4002 JESS REBEC 7 R Dalton 8-10 ..... G Baxter 1
8 0036 MIDNIGHT LASS 22 (D,F) P Howling 8-7 C Hodgson (5) 4
9 0490 YES 12 (V) D Thom 8-6 ..... Emma O'Gorman (5) 15
10 5000 LINCSTONE BOY 27 (B,D,F) A Smith 8-6 S Webster 10
11 0050 IMITATE 21 (B,S) D Chapman 8-3 ..... J Fortune 7
12 36-6 SANS FRAIS 16 R Williams 8-2 ..... A Cruz 8
13 0040 DAAZAM 12 (G) Ron Thompson 8-2 ..... A Proud 3
14 6500 NO BIG DEAL 47 M Usher 8-0 ..... — 15
15 0053 KING VICTOR 9 (B) R O'Leary 7-12 ..... G Bardwell 2
16 0000 DREAMS EYES 7 R Beetham 7-11 ..... S Wood 5
17 0000 PETITE MELUSINE 5 (B) R Thompson 7-9 Paul Burke 11
18 -054 LONGWOOD LEGEND 31 (B) Pat Mitchell 7-7 N Kennedy (5) 17

11-2 Prince Belfort, 6-1 Greetland Rock 7-1 Yes, 8-1 Lady Of The Fen, No Big Deal, 10-1 King Victor, 12-1 Midnight Lass, 14-1 others.

3.05 BRINKLEY NURSERYS CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,366: 1m 3f turf) (10)

1 0/0- PRESSURE GAME 82J (F) K Burke 8-9-2 Ron Hillis (3) 4
2 0 TEA ROSE 5 (G) N Tinkler 4-8-13 ..... Kim Tinkler 7
3 1054 FLASH BULB 9 (D,F) J Hetherton 4-8-12 ..... G Baxter 5
4 CAL MAL 78J M Chapman 13-8-11 ..... M Wigham 8
5 600- RAMSEY STREET 7J (B) K Bridgwater 4-8-10 P D'Arcy 3
6 5-00 CHINA'S WAY 18 J Mackie 5-8-5 ..... A Proud 1
7 -005 PIMS GUNNER 2 (F) W Haggas 3-8-5 ..... G Duffield 8
8 -232 SUPER VIRTUOSA 45 (BF,S) M Pipe 4-8-5 L Newton (5) 2
9 0004 KIND STYLE 2 R Hollinshead 3-8-1 ..... G Carter 9
10 0050 FIREGLOW 20 (B) Toller 3-7-6 Lisa Houston 10

6-4 Super Virtuosa, 9-2 Pims Gunner, 6-1 Kind Style, 8-1 Tea Rose, 10-1 Flash Bulb, 14-1 Fireglow, China's Way, 20-1 others.

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(Not including yesterday's results).

3.35 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY HANDICAP
(£2,366: 7f turf) (14)

1 -016 FOURWALK 79 (F,S) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-11 J Marshall (7) 5
2 5216 AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT 5 (B,D,F,G,S) T Naughton 4-9-7 (5ex) G Carter 6
3 5008 AFRICAN CHIMES 13 (D) W O'Gorman 4-9-1 Emma O'Gorman (5) 8
4 2000 VINTAGE TYPE 28 (D,F) D Chapman 4-9-0 ..... S Wood 4
5 0040 CHEEKY CHAPLIN 33 D Gandolfo 5-8-13 G Bardwell 10
6 000- LILY'S LOVER 412 (D,G) D Burchell 5-8-9 ..... K Fallon 7
7 1093 SANDMOOR DENIM 10 (D,F,G) S Bowring 4-8-7 S Webster 1
8 2405 PAR DE LUCE 12 (V) B Murray 4-8-6 ..... J Fortune 9
9 000- ACQUA NOIR 180J (F) R Williams 4-8-5 ..... A Cruz 11
10 0405 COOL ENOUGH 15 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 10-8-2 NON-RUNNER 13
11 6002 CHART CROSS 10 (F) K Bridgwater 5-8-2 ..... P D'Arcy 14
12 -054 BERKELEY HILL BOY 15 (B,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-7-13 A Mackay 3
13 4260 SAY YOU WILL 15 (V,D,F,S) M Naughton 7-7-12 G Duffield 2
14 5300 BATON BOY 7 (D,G) J Wainwright 10-7-7. Paul Burke 12

7-2 Berkeley Hill Boy, 4-1 Par de Luce, 6-1 Vintage Type, 7-1 Fourwalk, 8-1 others

4.05 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND HANDICAP
(£2,285: 2m 2f AW) (8)

1 MUBAARIS 135J (G,S) B Richmond 8-10-0 ..... K Fallon 4
2 -013 MALAMUTE SALOON 34 (V,C) M Pipe 5-9-12 ..... — 8
3 2514 ST ARILDA 119 (S) M Bell 4-9-8 ..... G Duffield 7
4 0935 LINK MARKET 6 (C,F) M Ryan 5-9-7 ..... G Carter 5
5 -505 MISCHAK 98J D Thom 4-8-7 ..... C Hodgson (5) 6
6 5125 SILK THREAD 5 (BF,C,G,S) J Pearce 8-8-3 F Norton (5) 2
7 3631 SELDOM IN 6 (C,F) J Wharton 5-8-3 (5ex) N Kennedy (5) 1
8 -005 AUTONOMOUS 13J (F,G) C Allen 6-7-7 G Bardwell 3

3-1 Malamute Saloon, 7-2 Silk Thread, 9-2 Seldom In, St Arilda, 8-1 Autonomous, 14-1 Mischak, Link Market, 16-1 Mubaaris

4.35 AMBULINK HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,569: 1m AW) (11)

1 3032 PARLIAMENTARY 43 (CD) M Britton 9-7 ..... G Carter 3
2 0301 SHINE ON BRIGHTLY 19 (CD) J Toller 9-4 G Duffield 11
3 U32 BALLATER LASS 19 J Wharton 8-8 ..... A Proud 4
4 0032 TYRIAN PURPLE 13 R Hollinshead 7-13 M Humphries (7) 1
5 0500 JOLLY FISHERMAN 5 (C) M Chapman 7-13 N Kennedy (5) 6
6 0020 JET PET 5 (V,S) D Thom 7-11 ..... D Harrison (7) 5
7 0000 PRINCE OF HUTTON 15 M W Easterby 7-11 G Bardwell 2
8 0004 NAUTAE SILVAE 5 R Earnshaw 7-10 ..... A Mackay 7
9 6000 LIGHT-OF-THE-LOCH 30 A Potts 7-8 D Biggs (5) 8
10 0054 LIFETIMES AMBITION 19 E Alston 7-7 . Paul Burke 10
11 000- CROWPOST 311 S Bowring 7-7 ..... Kim Beeching (7) 9

3-1 Tyrian Purple, 4-1 Shine On Brightly, 5-1 Ballater Lass, 8-1 Lifetimes Ambition, 10-1 Parliamentary, 14-1 others

5.05 NEWARK STORAGE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,325: 1m AW) (8)

1 0- BERLIN WALL 286 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ..... K Fallon 1
2 00- GAY REVENGE 341 D Burchell 9-0 ..... A Mackay 7
3 RENDALLS G Wragg 9-0 ..... G Carter 5
4 -032 TELLWRIGHT 15 J Toller 9-0 ..... G Duffield 8
5 -060 TSAR ALEXIS 80 B Hills 9-0 ..... J Fortune 4
6 50-2 MAC'S PRINCESS 26 W O'Gorman 8-9 ..... A Cruz 8
7 -324 NO COMEBACKS 19 R Williams 8-9 ..... — 3
8 0 QUALITAIR RHYTHM 120 J Bottomley 8-9 Paul Burke 2

5-2 Mac's Princess, 7-2 Tsar Alexis, 9-2 Rendalls, 6-1 Berlin Wall, 8-1 No Comebacks, Tollwright, 25-1 others

SALISBURY

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.10 Distinct Thatcher.	2.10 Blue Is True.	2.10 Distinct Thatcher.
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3.15 STRONG SUIT (nap).	3.15 Silver Wisp.	
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4.15 Millers Tale.	4.15 Razik.	
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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Kikam. 4.15 RAZIK (nap).

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F 212YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 DEBUTANTS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,688: 6f) (6 runners)

1 (5) ASIAN PUNTER (R Leader) A Hide 9-0 ..... Dale Gibson —
2 (4) BEN BLUFF (J Boswell) L Cottrell 9-0 ..... A Munro —
3 (6) DISTINCT THATCHER (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0 ..... B Raymond —
4 (3) FIREFIGHTER (Mrs B Facchino) J Sutcliffe 9-0 ..... L Dettori —
5 (2) KINGSDOWN EVENT (D Allen) R Hannon 9-0 ..... R Perham (5) —
6 (1) BLUE IS TRUE (R Dick) A Stewart 8-9 ..... M Roberts —

BETTING: 6-4 Distinct Thatcher, 3-1 Blue Is True, 5-1 Kingsdown Event, 8-1 Firefighter, 10-1 others.

1990: JENUFA 8-7 M Hills (16-1) J Hills 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASIAN PUNTER (Foaled Mar 4, cost 20,000Rgns) By M Double M. 2nd foal of a mare of little account. BEN BLUFF (Feb 2, 14,000gns) By Cyrano de Bergerac; he is the 1st foal of a Godswalk mare who was placed at 2-years. DISTINCT THATCHER (Mar 1, 11,000gns) Half-brother by Stillaffus to two winners in the United States. Dam won 3 races in the United States. FIREFIGHTER (Jun 4, 7,200gns) Half-brother by Sharpo to Royal Passion, winner of 2 races at up to 1m2 f, and St Winner Courtoise. Dam a maiden. KINGSDOWN EVENT (Apr 27) By Superlative, he is the 1st foal of a Cure The Blues mare who was placed at up to a mile at 2 and 3-years. BLUE IS TRUE (Apr 4, 18,000Rgns) By Bluebird, she is the 3rd foal of a Prince Tenderfoot mare who won at St/6f in Ireland. No selection.

2.45 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP
(£6,088: 1m 1f 109yd) (3 runners)

1 (1) 38056-2 SPURNED 8 (F) (I Balding) I Balding 4-9-10 ..... R Cochrane ● 99
2 (3) 0-20003 PETITE ROSANNA 7 (CD,F,G) (T Mills) W Carter 5-9-6 ..... T Williams 96
3 (2) 312420 BIGHAYIR 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 4-8-9 ..... R Price (5) 93

BETTING: 4-5 Spurned, 11-4 Petite Rosanna, 3-1 Bighayir.

1990: CARPET SLIPPERS 4-8-7 S Cauthen (5-1) J Bethell 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPURNED head 2nd of 10 to Threshfield at Pontefract (1m 4yd, good to firm) on reappearance. PETITE ROSANNA 1¾l 3rd of 5 to Glassblower at Brighton (1m 1f 209yd, good to firm) latest. BIGHAYIR head 2nd of 7 to Self Expression at Ascot (1m, good) penultimate start; latest 5l 7th of 12 to Flown at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). Selection: BIGHAYIR

3.15 WHITCHURCH STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,900: 6f 212yd) (6 runners)

1 (2) 511 SILVER WISP 34 (CD,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 9-5 ..... Paul Eddery ● 99
2 (5) 12102 SYLVAN SABRE 30 (F,S) (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 9-5 ..... J Williams 98
3 (4) 5241 STRONG SUIT 6 (D) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 9-2 ..... B Raymond 93
4 (6) 413322 JEWELLERY QUARTER 12 (BF,F) (Mrs F Allen) W Jarvis 9-0 ..... L Dettori 95
5 (3) 014 RED FOR DANGER 8 (V,G) (J Daniels) A Denson 9-0 ..... M Roberts 75
6 (1) 22 GREEN'S COLOURIST 17 (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 8-7 ..... A Munro 96

BETTING: 6-4 Silver Wisp, 7-2 Green's Colourist, 4-1 Sylvan Sabre, 5-1 Strong Suit, 7-1 Jewellery Quarter, 20 Red For Danger.

1990: LES ANIMAUX NUAGES 9-0 Pat Eddery (7-1) R Akehurst 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SILVER WISP completed double when beating Governor's Imp in a similar race at Chester (7f 2yd, good). SYLVAN SABRE recorded 2nd success when beating Corals Dream 1l at York (6f, good to firm) in May; latest 1½l 2nd to Chemond at Ayr (6f, soft). STRONG SUIT beat John Rose 2½l at Newmarket (7f, good) latest. JEWELLERY QUARTER ½l 2nd to Spanish Storm at Newmarket (7f, good) latest. RED FOR DANGER beat Are You Serious a neck at Brighton (5f 213yd, good) on penultimate start; latest 7¼l 4th of 6 to Walk In The Park at Kempton (6f, good to soft). GREEN'S COLOURIST ¼l 2nd of 13 to Bundesbank at Wolverhampton (7f, good to firm) latest. Selection: SILVER WISP

☐ Henry Cecil runs Peter Davies and Patricia in the Prix Guillaume d'Ornano and Prix de Pomone respectively at Deauville today. Peter Davies, ridden by Lester Piggott, makes only his second appearance of the season but faces a stiff task against Andre Fabre's improving Arcangues. Patricia, the mount of Steve Cauthen, will, however, start a warm favourite for her race.

☐ Richard Quinn (Victim Boy), John Reid (Heckly) and Paul Eddery (Campanil) are all in action at San Sebastian, northern Spain tonight in the £84,000 Copa de Oro de Sebastian over 12 furlongs.

3.45 VIOLET APPLIN CHALLENGE CUP
(Handicap: £3,634: 1m 6f) (8 runners)

1 (7) 126100- SURCOAT 197J (F,G) (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 4-9-10 ..... L Dettori 86
2 (5) 30-1033 BOOKCASE 24 (F,S) (Miss R Wakeford) D Elsworth 4-9-8 ..... J Hunter (7) 94
3 (6) 641211 BRANDON PRINCE 21 (F,G) (R Michaelson) I Balding 3-9-7 ..... R Cochrane 98
4 (1) 342404 REQUESTED 24 (D,F) (G Baccle) R Akehurst 4-9-2 ..... A Munro 95
5 (3) 02431 KIKAM 14 (D,F) (E Hinojosa) John FitzGerald 3-8-12 ..... R Hills 86
6 (4) 2-3123 KISKA 10 (F) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-12 ..... D Holland ● 99
7 (2) 2-42131 PUFF PUFF 5 (F) (Mrs J Froome) Miss B Sanders 5-8-12 (4ex) ..... W Newnes 90
8 (8) 0-20 KINTARO 66 (B) (Lady Watts) D Murray-Smith 3-8-6 ..... C Rutter 95

BETTING: 3-1 Kiska, 7-2 Brandon Prince, 5-1 Puff Puff, 6-1 Bookcase, 8-1 Requested, 10-1 Kikam, 16-1 Kintaro, 20-1 Surcoat.

1990: PHARAMINEUX 4-8-11 Pat Eddery (9-4 fav) R Akehurst 11 ran

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2 (2) 4 MILLERS TALE 43 (BF) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 ..... R Cochrane 81
3 (1) RAZIK (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 ..... R Hills —
4 (7) 0-00424 TANEGRUS 24 (BF) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 9-0 ..... J Williams 94
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6 (4) 645252 KATY'S PET 21 (BF) (J Daniels) A Denson 8-9 ..... M Roberts 88
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4 (17) 632043 ROYAL DARTMOUTH 17 (D,F,S) (Axminster Carpets Ltd) B Millman 6-8-5 R Price (5) 94
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CRICKET

Indifferent Sri Lanka give poor account

By RICHARD STREETON

OLD TRAFFORD (England A won toss): England A beat Sri Lanka by 63 runs

SRI LANKA batted with a disappointing lack of judgement against the England A spin bowlers yesterday and suffered a heavy defeat in this first one-day match. Too many indiscreet strokes were played as Sri Lanka, set to make 244, were dismissed for 180. Only Roshan Mahanama, the opening batsman, who was out to the last ball for 73, emerged with any credit.

By batting so poorly Sri Lanka let themselves down as earlier their bowlers did well to keep the England total within bounds. The ball turned more as the day progressed but never excessively as the batsmen succumbed to over ambitious strokes. Illingworth, the left-arm spinner, took wickets in his second and third overs and both off-spinners, Such and Hick, in their first, while the England A fielding was consistently good.

Sri Lanka never got the start they needed, losing the experienced Kuruppu in the fifth over to a direct hit from an underarm throw from cover by Ward. Illingworth came on for the twelfth over and his quick successes established the pattern that followed. Gurusinha mistimed a lofted drive and was held at wide mid-off, de Silva was caught behind as he tried to cut.

Jayasuriya and Atapattu, the last recognized batsmen had both gone by tea when Sri Lanka were 66 for five. Watkinson got one to bounce more than most and Jayasuriya was caught down the leg side as he tried to glance. Atapattu pushed an awkward, low return catch that Such did well to hold.

When Hick bowled, Tillakaratne drove a catch to short extra cover. Well judged catches by Ward and Fairbrother at long-on brought the next two wickets before Wijegunawardena slogged with relish as 53 came for the ninth wicket in a hopeless cause. Mahanama was resolute to the end until Watkinson had him leg-before.

Sri Lanka had bowled tidily earlier but several overthrows and 35 extras did not help them. England were 157 for three after 40 overs, with Fairbrother and Johnson scoring well. Both were out soon afterwards and England were never allowed to mount a significant, closing acceleration.

Moxon was forced to play an anchor role after Ward and Hick failed and faced the responsibility with calm assurance. Ramanayake and Ratnayake, the new-pair, always bowled with good control and Madurasinghe, the off-spinner, and Jayasuriya, the left-arm spinner, restricted the batsmen in the late stages.

Ratnayake dismissed Ward when he played across a yorker. Hick's disappointing performances at representative level continued when he prodded at a ball from Ramanayake without moving his feet and was caught behind.

Moxon and Fairbrother added 86 in 18 overs for the third wicket before Moxon was run out. He played a ball from Wijegunawardena to deepish point and was unable to beat Gurusinha's throw when Fairbrother rightly sent him back. Without being at his sparkling best, Fairbrother hit strongly on the leg side and past extra cover as he and Johnson provided the most entertaining strokeplay in the England innings. Johnson was out when he moved forward against Jayasuriya and made room but the spin beat him.

Fairbrother fell when he checked a drive against Madurasinghe and gave a return catch.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A

*M D Moxon run out	49
T R Ward b Ratnayake	5
G A Hick c Tillekaratne b Ramanayake	5
N H Fairbrother c and b Madurasinghe	66
P Johnson st Tillekaratne b Jayasuriya	32
M Watkinson not out	21
†S A Marsh not out	26
Extras (b 9, lb 17, w 6, nb 3)	35
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs)	243

Did not bat: D G Cork, R K Illingworth, R A Pick, P M Such.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-35, 3-121, 4-177, 5-191.

BOWLING: Ramanayake 8-3-22-1, Ratnayake 10-2-28-1, Wijegunawardene 7-0-39-0, Gurusinha 8-0-44-0, Madurasinghe 11-0-41-1, Jayasuriya 11-0-43-1.

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama lbw b Watkinson	73
D S B P Kuruppu run out	3
A P Gurusinha c Moxon b Illingworth	12
*P A de Silva c Marsh b Illingworth	10
S T Jayasuriya c Marsh b Watkinson	4
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C P H Ramanayake c Ward b Hick	3
K I W Wijegunawardene c Moxon b Pick	27
M A W Madurasinghe not out	5
Extras (lb 17, w 12, nb 4)	33
Total (55 overs)	180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-38, 3-45, 4-53, 5-66, 6-83, 7-95, 8-99, 9-152.

BOWLING: Pick 11-2-23-1, Cork 10-2-41-0, Illingworth 11-0-31-2, Watkinson 8-0-21-2, Such 11-1-29-2, Hick 6-1-18-2.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and D O Oslear.

Umpires aim to end unfair captains' logs

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE end of the traditional system whereby county captains file an end-of-match report on umpires is likely to be one outcome of a debate on falling standards of players' behaviour at Lord's today.

Concern over on-pitch conduct has been increasing this season, publicly highlighted by a sequence of incidents involving the Lancashire side. The Test and County Cricket Board is to address the subject in broad terms at its August meeting.

Nothing specific is likely to be announced following the meeting, but I understand that a proposal from the umpires' subcommittee to remove the reporting duty from county captains may be adopted for next season.

Some umpires have said that certain captains react unfavourably to any of their players being reported for poor behaviour and subsequently mark down the relevant umpire in their reports.

As such marks are taken into account for retention on the umpires' list, and promotion to the Test panel, they feel the system is iniquitous, possibly discouraging bad behaviour being brought to book.

The board will also discuss a proposal by Sussex that a working party should be set up to investigate the perennially controversial structure of the county game. Sussex favour a championship of four-day matches and one fewer limited-overs competition.

As these are ideas for which the cricket committee of the board has been vainly trying to gain support for some years, agreement to yet another working party should surely be subject to the proviso that, this time, their findings *must* be adopted by the county chairmen.

☐ Peter Roebuck, the former Somerset captain, is to retire from first-class cricket at the end of the month. Roebuck, aged 35, will play his last game against Yorkshire at Taunton.

☐ Kent yesterday announced they are releasing Simon Hinks, *Danny Kelleher and Mark Dobson* at the end of the season. Last week the club said Chris Cowdrey, the former captain, would be leaving at the end of the summer.

☐ Paul Weekes, the Middlesex all-rounder, has been named Rapid Cricketline player of the month for July.

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MARC ASPLAND

At the head of his craft: Gröbler, the East German, pauses for reflection on some dramatic changes in his life, and that of world rowing in general, at the Leander club

Master strokes survive the system

East meets West as the English class system and the notion of workers' unity pull together for British rowing. Simon Barnes meets the standard bearer of an unlikely alliance

It is a long way from East Berlin to Henley on Thames, nor can the distance be measured in miles. As the great diaspora of East German sporting people continues, surely the most bizarre journey of them all has been made by Jurgen Gröbler. He has come from the highest levels of East German rowing, a kingpin in the Great Machine of East German Excellence, to the Leander Club: the Pink Palace, a bastion of privilege if ever there was one.

Rowing has always been a rather anomalous sport in this country. It is, perhaps, the most brutally physical of all. More than any other team sport, it requires its participants to act as one: as a machine. Bourgeois individuality is sunk in mindless, non-creative, muscle-popping, mechanical labour. Victory goes to the most perfect: to the least human.

It was a perfect sport for The System, for East Germany, and its traditions of remorseless, faceless excellence. But in England, rowing has been the sport of privilege, of public school and the older universities. This is because fast boats and river-frontage cost a great deal of money. Here, it is the least democratic of all team sports, with the single exception of polo. You don't see a lot of black oarsmen.

Leander club is always full of amiable and enormous young men with educated voices making team in-jokes. Its non-rowing members are all men, many seldom seen outside Henley Royal Regatta. The place has the unmistakable *hogo* of social elitism.

It is also the *de facto* centre of British international rowing. Virtually all the national squad become Leander members, mainly because the facilities are so good. With the dismantling of the East German Sporting Machine, Gröbler became coach of Leander and technical adviser to the British men's heavyweight squad. Other East German rowing coaches have gone elsewhere: to France, Italy, Australia, the United States and Belgium. Because of this diaspora, some expect the world championships next week to reach an overall standard never seen before.

Gröbler and the squad have just returned from a fortnight of training at altitude, something he has been putting his gold-medal winning crews through for 20 years. It is part of the complex conundrum of physiology and mechanics that rowing involves at this elevated level, part of the fascination the sport holds for intelligent people.

"It is all so very different for me," Gröbler said. "To come to Henley from East Berlin. In East Germany, the rowers came from all sorts of backgrounds — worker, teacher, engineer. Everybody was the same. Everybody is brought up in The System, every crew has its coach, and you must do this and you must do that.

"Here it is different. It is better in some ways. They come, and it is not they *must* do it. They *will* do it. Sometimes that attitude is as good as an extra training session. They come from London, through the traffic, and they *will* train. They like rowing.

"And that *is* more fun for me as a coach. In my coaching, I always tried to make some things a little bit fun. And it is good for me. People say all the time, that the victories, all the medals, it was not the coach, it was The System. It is important for me to come here, to find out if it was just The System. Or was it maybe a little bit the coach? Can I give my training in a *different* system? And win gold medals?"

Certainly, Gröbler has made his mark. His emphasis has been on less intense methods: "steady state" rowing rather than shattering flat-out bursts. Also, he has made a startling positional shift reminiscent of the methods of Brian Clough. He has demoted Steve Redgrave, the great British oarsman of his generation, from stroke in the pair, and put him at bow. The sprog, Matthew Pinsent, is now at stroke. It has been a goading experience for both: one is, as you would guess, rather more pleased about it than the other. So far the pair is unbeaten and hot favourite for a gold medal.

This is ostentatious management. Redgrave insists he will get the stroke's seat back next year for the Olympics. Pinsent banters back that he hasn't a prayer. "Jurgen has changed the whole philosophy of the way we *train*," Redgrave said. "And that has unquestionably given me a new lease of life. You can get into a rut, doing things the same. I am enjoying doing things that are completely different."

Gröbler's — or if you prefer, East Germany's — methods rely heavily on physiological feedback, blood counts and so on. This is sports training based on science. It is like Martin Pipe's method of training racehorses: nothing is left to chance or guesswork.

Gröbler hopes for two gold medals at the world championships, two more at the Olympics. That would be a triumph of one of the oddest alliances in the history of sport: the English class system and the notion of East German workers' unity.

SWIMMING

Barrowman delivers again

By CRAIG LORD

MIKE Barrowman has lowered his own world record at 200 metres breaststroke for the fourth time in two years. His time of 2min 10.60sec at the American national championships at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, yesterday, cut 0.63sec off his previous best, set at Perth, Australia, in January, when he became world champion.

The 23-year-old student was half a second slower than his 100 metres split time at Perth, but by the three-quarter mark, the deficit had been almost cleared. Barrowman confirmed his reputation as one of the fastest over the last 50 metres to break the world record.

The only man to interrupt Barrowman's record breaking run since 1989 is Nick Gillingham, of Birmingham, who equalled Barrowman's then world record of 2min 12.90sec to become European champion at Bonn. He will defend that title at Athens next week.

An Athens absentee will be Tamas Darnyi, the most outstanding swimmer at the world championships, who will not defend his three European titles. In the run-up to becoming world champion at 200 and 400 metres individual medley, Darnyi, whose official profession is listed as "sports employee", was training up to *eight hours a day*.

Tamas Szechy, his coach, believes that level of commitment will be needed to ensure success at the Olympic Games next year, but says such a workload cannot be maintained all the time. The European event is, therefore, "not important for Hungary".

None the less, Krisztina Egerszegi, world and Olympic champion at 200 metres backstroke, will be at Athens and is in good form. Norbert Rozsa, aged 18, who replaced Adrian Moorhouse as the world's top sprint breaststroke swimmer this year, will also compete.



Barrowman: fast finish

In avoiding the Athens event, Darnyi will not be able to equal Michael Gross's record of retaining a European title three times.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Players from WLAF get Europe ban

By RICHARD WETHERELL

GREAT Britain, who beat West *Germany 38-6 in 1989, start the* defence of the European championship against the Netherlands at the Olympic stadium in Helsinki this afternoon.

The sides that contested the national final two weeks ago, the Birmingham Bulls and the London Olympians, provide, respectively, 14 and nine of the 44-strong party.

But those Britons who were part of the World League of American Football (WLAF) — Phil Alexander, Trevor Carthy, Victor Ebubedike, Mark and Nigel Hoyte, of London Monarchs, and Les Jackson and Mike Taylor, of New York-New Jersey Knights — have been ruled ineligible by the British American Football Association. This ruling has not been followed by Finland.

CYCLING

Hübner humiliated by unknown Australian

From PETER BRYAN IN STUTTGART

MICHAEL Hübner, a product of the East German track school of "build them big and make them fast", and defending his world professional sprint title, was eliminated here yesterday in the quarter-finals by Carey Hall, little known outside his native Australia, in the best-of-three series.

The German, who had, as anticipated, qualified fastest in the previous day's time-trial, was beaten by the Australian 2-0 in the most unexpected result of this year's championships.

Hall relished the victory that wiped out the pain and disappointment of last year's title race, when he ran foul of a Japanese sprinter in a spectacular crash in which he broke four ribs and punctured a lung.

Yesterday, Hall *outmanoeuvred and outsprinted* Hübner in their first race when the German sat up, conceding defeat 50 metres from the line.

Their second match ended in Hübner sliding off the track when his rear tyre blew out as the riders raced for the line at 40mph. In the re-run, Hall foiled all Hübner's attempts to *get by*.

Hübner was the most recent of former top Eastern Europe's riders who have failed to gain a place in an event final.

On Tuesday, last year's amateur pursuit champion, Yevgeniy Berzine, did not even qualify and Aleksandr Kirichenko, the 1990 1km winner, finished fifth.

Yesterday, the former women's world sprint champion, Erika Salumiae, was eliminated in the eighth round. All three are *from the Soviet Union.*

SPORTS LETTERS

Transfer of rugby players

From the chairman of Askean RFC

Sir, I would like to express my disappointment at the suggestions made in Peter Bills' article (August 8) linking Rendall and Probyn with Askean Rugby Football Club and payments to players.

I find it laughable the suggestion that Askeans are paying players when I spent Monday night trying to find the money to pay our rates bill. I wish we had enough money in the bank so that we could be tempted to pay players. Any spare money we have is spent on the ground and we still depend upon players membership fees and match fees to help balance our books. They pay us, not we them!

Rendall and Probyn are two players approaching the end of their careers. After the World Cup they can only look forward to the day they will be dropped by England and very soon from Wasps XV. Is it not possible to believe that they felt by moving to Askeans they could help us in our ambitions to achieve second division status? That they would enjoy being part of a lively, ambitious, smaller club that would gain greatly from their knowledge and experience and extend their careers and usefulness for a few more seasons.

Isn't that better than being seen as a pair of "has beens" in the Wasps lower sides? Couldn't they be applanded for wanting to put something back into the game, rather than suggesting their only motivation could be for financial gain?

Your article has probably made two old friends' move to Askeans much more difficult. We have worked very hard at Askeans with our youth section and liaison with local schools developing our own players. It's all right for first division clubs to approach our players as they have done throughout this summer, but for us to talk to players of Rendall's and Probyn's stature can only be associated with us breaking the amateur ethos.

Yours sincerely,
GRAHAM TERRY,
Chairman, Askean RFC,
Brookhurst Gardens,
Tunbridge Wells,
Kent.

Foreign golfers

From Dr F. N. Waddell

Sir, In response to speculation about Ryder Cup selection the US PGA champion, John Daly, was quoted by Mitchell Platts (August 13) as saying, "No man can imagine how much desire I *have to beat foreigners. I'm tired* of them coming over here and winning our tournaments."

I suppose he might have been thinking of the US Masters, that being where we "foreigners" have had most success in recent years, but I wonder if Bobby Jones would have agreed with his sentiments.

I can remember following Tom Watson on the last day of the Open Championship at Muirfield in 1980 and simply being in awe of the man. I had no thoughts of "foreigner" or "our tournament" or anything else — just a great golfer and a worthy champion.

Yours sincerely,

F. NEIL WADDELL,
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Loughborough,
Leicestershire.

Lawyers and their influence on football

From Mr Edward Grayson

Sir, Uefa's general secretary, Gerhard Aigner's extraordinary reported claim (August 9) "to keep lawyers out" of football, and that there is a danger to the game "when clubs involve lawyers in matters relating specifically to football", could be dismissed as evidence of ignorance if it were not so irresponsible from a source with some apparent authority.

Indeed, after last month's London High Court battle, which may yet be appealed, the Football League again needed legal advice this week to guide its continued existence before the season begins!

As to Aigner's Uefa, his own governing body's choice of venue and inadequate administration led to the Heysel Stadium disaster and the consequential legal-judicial inquiries in Brussels and Britain.

Its failure to back the English Football Association's sustained demands for Fifa's refusal until last season to implement the mandatory red card for the criminal and civilly actionable assaults masquerading as the falsely-styled professional foul, encouraged its continuity with disastrous consequences to the game's integrity and injuries to the victims.

Without lawyers the Eastham and Packer judgments would never have forced the feudal limits of governing bodies' wages ceilings into realistic returns for the incomes to sport generated by star performers.

Without lawyers the feudal monopoly of archaic administrative procedures would never have overturned in the High Court the FA's ten-year ban on the late Don Revie in 1979 and earlier the Jockey Club's resistance until Florence Nagle's triumph 25 years ago to obtain for women trainers' licences in their own names instead of the-then chauvinistic fiction for providing them through their head lads.

Coincidentally, in the light of current developments, without lawyers the Aga Khan's persistence in challenging the Jockey Club's dope-testing procedures would *never have resulted in the* appeals system which arrived earlier this year but too late for the Aga Khan and his advisers to take advantage of it.

Furthermore, when his case goes to appeal later this year it will also provide the answer to his solicitor Matthew McCloy's claim that "as far as I'm aware, no case has previously gone to the court of appeal," i.e. for judicial review in a sporting context (August 8).

This did happen in 1983, when the National Greyhound Racing Club tried to block a suspended trainer's High Court action for restoring his licence by claiming he should have operated the speedier judicial review process.

The Court of Appeal upheld the earlier judgment on that occasion on the basis that sporting governing bodies are private organisations outside the public law domain *(Law v National Greyhound Racing Club Ltd:* 1983 All E.R. 300: *The Times* 17 August, 1983).

The Popplewell and Taylor Reports on football disasters have changed all that and will give the Court of Appeal in the Aga Khan's case a chance to reassess this position.

Meanwhile, Uefa's general secretary should heed the robust advice given by Sir Robert Muldoon when the then Secretary-General of the Commonwealth trespassed into sporting territory over South Africa. "He should stick to taking the minutes!"

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,
EDWARD GRAYSON,
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Temple,
London EC4.

Courtroom action

From Mr David Ogden

Sir, As the Football Association sends the sport into a headlong chase for as much money as it is possible to squeeze out of TV, sponsors, spectators and everybody else connected with the game, it would do well to look at the example set by the America's Cup yachting competition to see what can happen when a sport forgets the reason for its existence and popularity and concentrates instead on the commercial aspects of modern competition.

In this case the oldest sporting competition in the world appears to be in danger, and the possibility of its demise cannot be divorced from the ridiculous circus that has taken place in recent years with more action taking place in courtrooms than on the water. I sincerely hope that the present shenanigans in the football world to not end in a smilar way, but am not confident.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID OGDEN,
3 Warner Street,
Chatham,
Kent.

Short-pitched bowling

From Mr B. G. P. McKechnie

Sir, When are we going to have umpires who will have the courage to invoke the provisions of Law 42 concerning fast short-pitched bowling as, in my opinion, Messrs Holder and Kitchen should have done on the first day at the Oval?

I hope that they and other umpires realise that in the event of a batsman suffering a fatal *accident, which could well* happen as a result of such bowling, they would have to bear much of the responsibility for not enforcing the law, the wording of which is perfectly explicit.

Would the late Sid Buller have done nothing had he been standing?

Yours faithfully,
B. G. P. McKECHNIE,
74 Park Avenue,
Worcester.

Another stage

From G. Gneditch

Sir, Now that the drama of the Test series has ended, perhaps another drama can be staged. What a magnificent Othello Viv Richards would make! His Iago — a subtle leg-spinner perhaps. And Desdemona — why! Rachel Heyhoe-Flint, if she agreed.

The English Test side could fill in for the assorted cast,

And what better venue for the Wooden O than the Oval!

Yours faithfully,
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Dixon-Durie partnership under threat

Player offers may make Porterfield create new pairing

By CLIVE WHITE

CHELSEA'S renowned partnership of Kerry Dixon and Gordon Durie could find itself dismantled this season, even though the club revealed yesterday that it had turned down a £1 million offer from Tottenham Hotspur for Dixon as they had done recently an offer for double the price from the same club for Durie.

The reason for the rejection of both offers, as well as that of two firm bids by Everton for Dixon, was because they were below Chelsea's valuation of both players, rather than because of any serious desire to keep them at Stamford Bridge.

Ian Porterfield, the new Chelsea manager, did not need prompting to remark that "every player has his price", though one senses that he would be happy to retain the services of Dixon, who last season signed a contract that keeps him at the club until the end of his playing career.

"Dixon had a bad season last season (15 goals in 42 League and cup appearances) but only by his standards," Porterfield said. "I know his strengths and weaknesses. I still believe in him."

Porterfield continued: "I would like to see Gordon play week in, week out and play to his full potential because he has tremendous potential. Sometimes you want to keep your best players, but that's not always possible."

Durie's brittleness — he made only 24 League appearances last season — and his stated desire to return to Scotland have convinced Porterfield that it was time to start thinking in terms of a new attacking partnership and the signing of Joe Allon, the prolific scoring Hartlepool forward, for a fee to be decided by a tribunal, could be a step towards achieving that, even if Allon has been bought more for his potential.



Porterfield: has faith

Too much potential and not enough fulfilment was Chelsea's problem last season, but that is the way of teams who rely heavily on young players. "One or two of them are not quite ready to play consistently," Porterfield said.

Yet in Cundy, Stuart, Matthew and Le Saux, Chelsea still possess some of the best young talent around.

Instability in defence did not help matters and Chelsea have spent £2.2 million on two defenders during the summer — Paul Elliott and Tommy Boyd — in an effort to remedy the situation, while transferring Tony Dorigo to Leeds United.

Boyd was bought from Motherwell before Porterfield's arrival in June, presumably on the say-so of Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, and is highly regarded as a quick, versatile defender. Elliott is also a fine athlete whom Porterfield said that he was pleased to have as his first signing. His fee of £1.4 million reflects the recent inflation within the game and it remains to be seen whether the former Aston Villa central defender can give Chelsea the defensive solidity they seek.

The club has also spent £2.3 million on improvements, which include increasing the seating capacity of the East stand, and are confident that the work will be finished in time for their kick-off against Wimbledon on Saturday.



JAMES GRAY

Winning smiles: With the new season around the corner, Jason Laslett, of Teddington, and Joanne Thompson, from Slough, received the Norwich Union 1991 player of the year awards in London yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). Both players were chosen by the Hockey Writers' Club in what is the ninth year of the awards and the fourth under the Norwich Union sponsorship, on whose behalf David Sayer pledged further support yesterday. Laslett, aged 22, a student of Ealing College, terminated his successful season by helping England win the bronze medal at the European championship in Paris and is the strongest contender for the position of Great Britain centre-half. He has made 15 appearances for Great Britain and 20 outdoors for England. Thompson, aged 26, was an outstanding goalkeeper last season for the highly-successful Slough club and England, for whom she has made 23 outdoor appearances. She played a big part in England's gold medal triumph at the European championship in Brussels. Each player received a silver rose bowl and a cheque for £100 to be donated to a hockey cause of their choice. Both nominated their club's youth section as the recipients.

TENNIS

Graf now doubtful starter in US Open

By a CORRESPONDENT

STEFFI Graf, the world No. 2, is likely to withdraw from the United States Open in New York which begins on Monday week. Graf, aged 22, will undergo an examination of her damaged shoulder at the Essen surgery of Dr Hartmut Krahl today for a final decision.

But the prospects of her trying to reclaim her world No. 1 position and complete the treble of US Open successes seem to be on the point of collapse. She has already pulled out of the traditional warm-up event, the Virginia Slims of Washington, next week.

A spokesman for the Graf family said yesterday: "It is not looking very good for the US Open. It is very worrying and Steffi is a little nervous about it all. Tomorrow it will be yes or no whether she plays in New York."

Graf aggravated a torn tendon in her service shoulder while competing for Germany in the Federation Cup in Nottingham three weeks ago and has had intensive treatment in an effort to be fit for Flushing Meadow.

☐ Jimmy Connors is the first leading player to enter the Diet Pepsi Indoor Challenge tournament at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, from November 4 to 10. It will be the first important event at the £51 million venue after it officially opens on October 4.

Connors, twice the Wimbledon champion and the winner of 109 tournaments during his career, won the last important men's event to be staged in Birmingham, the John Player tournament in 1978.

Though he will be 39 by the time the tournament is held, Connors, who showed good form at both the French Open and Wimbledon this year, is still a big drawing card.

The Lawn Tennis Association and ProServ, the international management company, will be joint promoters of the event, which will be held at Birmingham for three years.

Job could appeal to Howe

By LOUISE TAYLOR

DON Howe said yesterday that he would like to manage Wimbledon if, as is expected, Ray Harford parts company with the first-division club.

Twenty-four hours after resigning as first-team coach, Howe said: "If Ray left in the autumn or at Christmas, I would be interested in the job. But I must stress that I hope Ray resolves his problems with the club."

Howe, the former England coach, who had been working with Harford for only six weeks, said that he had resigned as a matter of principle. "It was not good for me to be in a position where the players had come to believe that I was breathing down Ray's neck, waiting to step into the job," he said.

"It would have been wrong for Ray to have tried to settle his differences with me still there. If I do become manager of Wimbledon in the future, I will get the job the right way. I will not have been the intruder who took over."

Howe, who was coach under Bobby Gould when Wimbledon won the FA Cup in 1988, said that he and Harford remained on good terms.

Harford, who felt he was entitled to an improved contract after Wimbledon rejected approaches for him from three first-division clubs during the summer, was further disgruntled by the sale, for £2.5 million, of Keith Curle to Manchester City.

☐ The Leicester City defender, Rob Johnson, has joined Football League newcomers, Barnet, and will make his debut on Saturday.

Test of character awaiting Albion

KEITH BLACKMORE previews the coming season in the third and fourth divisions

THESE are uncertain times for the third and fourth divisions. This seems likely to be the last season under the present League arrangements and for the bigger clubs, like West Bromwich Albion, promotion has never been more important.

One of the founders of the Football League, Albion could scarcely have chosen a worse moment to be in the third division for the first time. Their neighbours, Birmingham City, who took the same plunge the year before, found that a quick return is no formality.

Both clubs will start among the favourites for promotion this season, although only their supporters will back them to achieve it. Birmingham finished last season strongly, winning the Leyland DAF Cup in thrilling style at Wembley, but since then they have lost a manager, Lou Macari, to Stoke City, and perhaps their best player, Dennis Bailey, to Queen's Park Rangers.

Macari's successor, Terry Cooper, had an excellent record at his previous club, Exeter City, and earned a reputation for developing young players, but it will be surprising if he can produce quick results at St Andrews, where money is in short supply.

Albion might be a better bet but only if their manager, Bobby Gould, can overcome the problems of adjustment and motivation that follow relegation. None of the teams which went down the previous season managed it.

In fact, the five teams which came up from the fourth last year, Darlington, Stockport County, Hartlepool United, Peterborough United and Torquay United, may have the best chance of promotion.

Last season, the three automatic places all went to clubs which had been in the fourth division the previous year. Darlington, however, must overcome the loss of their manager, Brian Little, to Leicester City, and Hartlepool will be without their leading scorer, Allon, who has moved to Chelsea.

Of the rest, Stoke might have the best chance, although Bournemouth will do well if Jimmy Case, obtained on a free transfer from Southampton, can still produce some of his old magic.

Blackpool ought to be the best bet for promotion from the fourth division.

A marvellous run of results, which began with the arrival of the forward, Dave Bamber, and the appointment of Billy Ayre as manager, took them to the final of the play-offs last year, when Bamber's miss from the penalty spot cost them deserved promotion.

If Ayre can pick his players up from that, Blackpool might run away with the division. Burnley should be on their heels, but they must overcome the loss of their leading scorer, Ron Futcher, to Crewe Alexandra.

As for Barnet, the newcomers from the GM Vauxhall Conference, it remains to be seen whether they can follow Darlington and go straight up, but at least they cannot go the other way. Once again, there is no relegation from the fourth division this year.

GOLF

Spanish lead in the main

By PATRICIA DAVIES

IT WAS a Spanish benefit at the top of the qualifying for the British girls' championship at Whitchurch, Cardiff, yesterday. Laura Navarro, from El Saler, was first, with a total of 144, two under par, Estefania Knuth, from Barcelona, shared second place, one shot behind, and Vanessa Vignali, from Castellon, was third, on 146.

Even Janice Moodie, the Scottish international from Windyhill, who tied with Knuth, has a Spanish connection this week. Her caddie, a Welshman, spends his winters in Spain, then cycles home, with his wife, to summer here.

Moodie, two under par after nine holes, dropped three shots in four holes, at the 11th, 12th and 14th. She had a birdie four at the last, to finish with a level par 73.

Her reward is a first round match against Nicola Buxton, the English girls' and women's champion. There is nothing a Scot likes better than a crack at the auld enemy and in the junior internationals here last week Moodie beat Buxton by one hole.

Despite the Spanish success, they were outdone by the Swedes, who supplied four of the 16 qualifiers. Unfortunately, they play each other this morning.

LEADING QUALIFIERS: 144: L Navarro (Sp), 69, 75. 145: E Knuth (Sp), 73, 72; J Moodie (Windyhill), 72, 73. 146: V Vignali (Sp), 73, 73. 148: C Abelius-Alm (Swe), 76, 72; A Berg (Swe), 78, 70; J Hockley, 74, 74. 149: A Rogers (The Island), 73, 76. 150: A Lindblom (Swe), 76, 74; N Buxton (Woodsome Hall), 73, 77; F Rossary (Fr), 76, 74; C Copping (Torquay), 74, 76; M Olivero (Arg), 79, 71; M Hjorth (Swe), 75, 75. 152: B Christen (Fr), 75, 77; S Dallongeville (Fr), 73, 79.

† Won play-off.

DRAW FOR FIRST FLIGHT: Navarro v Dallongeville; Olivero v Rogers; Berg v Hjorth; Copping v Vignali; Moodie v Buxton; Lindblom v Abelius-Alm; Hockley v Rossary; Christen v Knuth.

Lyle hopes return to form will seal Ryder Cup place

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SANDY Lyle moves into the NM English Open, which starts at The Belfry today, no doubt encouraged that Dave Stockton, the United States captain, has selected Raymond Floyd for the Ryder Cup match at The Belfry from September 27 to 29.

Stockton has been swayed by experience and Lyle will hope that on the Brabazon course and in the German Open next week he can convince Bernard Gallacher, Europe's captain, that he is worthy of a place.

Lyle has not won for almost three years. The Scot, however, won the Open in 1985 and the Masters in 1988. He has also shown a return to form in recent weeks which, coincidentally, is why Stockton went for Floyd as well as Chip Beck.

"Raymond was not on my mind three months ago," Stockton said. "But I was taken by the fact that he finished the US Open with a 68 to be eighth and the US PGA championship with a 69 for a share of seventh spot.

"It was a close call. I had no problem with Chip Beck but by taking Raymond I know I've upset Tom Kite, who is one of my closest friends. Tom Watson, too, could have expected to be in although Jack Nicklaus did not come out high in a poll of the players. Anyway, I think I've got a very well balanced team. I'm happy."

Even so, Gallacher was surprised by the decision of Stockton, especially as Floyd will become the oldest player to tee up in the biennial matches. Floyd will be 49 on September 4, which makes him one year older than Christy O'Connor Sr was when he played for Great Britain and Ireland in 1973. In taking Beck and Floyd, Stockton also bypassed John Daly, the new US PGA champion.

"If I had been in Dave Stockton's shoes I would have gone for John Daly and Jack Nicklaus or John Daly and Tom Watson," Gallacher said. "It was a surprise to me that he took Beck and Floyd. I think the players voted in Chip Beck and Dave himself picked Floyd. My personal opinion is that it is all very interesting but that it has no bearing on my team selection.

"I am keeping a very open mind about the two I will select in addition to Nick Faldo, whom I have already named. The US team will always be strong but there are no players on it that we fear."

Floyd does not have a good record in the Ryder Cup and Stockton would not be the first American captain to have fallen into the trap of allowing his heart to rule his head. Stockton maintains that if Floyd had struck all the American shots at the 18th hole at The Belfry in 1989 then the United States would have regained the Cup instead of leaving it behind by virtue of a tie.



Torrance: vulnerable

Yet, the last time Floyd was put to the test was in the Masters last year, when, at the second extra hole of a sudden death play-off with Nick Faldo, he inexplicably pulled an eight-iron from the middle of the fairway into the water.

Stockton said: "When I teed off on the golf course yesterday I had come down to Floyd or Kite. At the turn I decided on Floyd and I promptly birdied the next four holes. The relief at making the decision was that high.

"I see Floyd fitting in well with Fred Couples, as I see Beck and Paul Azinger as a partnership. I think Steve Pate, of whom there has not been too much talk, will have a very big match."

Gallacher is competing this week, although uppermost in his mind will be the composition of his team which he will finalise after the German Open.

The top nine in the Johnnie Walker Ryder Cup points-list automatically qualify. Sam Torrance lies ninth and is vulnerable. With a first prize of £75,000, he could be overtaken, although I suspect Gallacher would pick him anyway.

David Feherty, who has withdrawn because of an injured wrist, said: "You can't imagine a Ryder Cup team without Sam."

Meanwhile, Colin Montgomerie, who won the Scandinavian Masters two weeks ago by one stroke from Severiano Ballesteros, resumes his rivalry with the Spaniard, who beat him in a play-off for the Volvo PGA championship in May.

Ballesteros is first in the Volvo Order of Merit with £307,734, ahead of Montgomerie, on £275,015.

UNITED STATES TEAM: P Azinger, C Beck, M Calcavecchia, F Couples, R Floyd, H Irwin, W Levi, M O'Meara, S Pate, C Pavin, P Stewart, L Wadkins, D Stockton (capt)

BOWLS

Inspired display by Clarke

By GORDON ALLAN

JIM Clarke, a retired chief nursing officer at Broadmoor, turned in a fine individual performance to pilot his Wokingham team of John Smith, Bill Bayliss and Ian Baker to the Woolwich EBA fours championship at Worthing yesterday.

They beat Spencers, Melksham, 21-20 in the final but would never have done so without a series of saving shots by Clarke. Twice in mid-match, Melksham held five; twice Clarke came in for the winner.

On a number of other occasions, Melksham were in a strong position, only for Clarke to foil them with draw shot or weighted bowl.

The Melksham team of Norman Remington, Iain Cameron, Remington's son, Steve, and Andy Moore, played well but could not legislate, on the day, for a man in Clarke's inspired form. At 21-18, Melksham killed the last end and rebuilt promisingly, but finished one adrift. Wokingham are the first winners of this championship from Berkshire since Prospect Park, Reading, in 1952.

Melksham led Cleethorpes 16-10 after 18 ends of their semi-final, dropped a five on the nineteenth, and edged home by one shot. Wokingham started and finished strongly against Liberty of Havering.

RESULTS: Fours: Semi-finals: Wokingham (Berks) bt Liberty of Havering (Essex), 25-15. Spencers, Melksham (Wilts) bt Cleethorpes (Lincs), 17-16. Final: Wokingham bt Spencer Melksham, 21-20. Triples (preliminary round): St Austell (Cornwall) bt Farringdon (Berks), 24-7. Bredon (Worcestershire) bt Stanwix (Cumbria), 24-6. Newton Hall (Lancs) bt Guisborough King George V (Yorks), 24-11

☐ Betty Morgan and Robert Weale, of mid-Wales, reached the final of the Swansea City Welsh national mixed pairs championship at Victoria Park, Swansea, yesterday, when they raced from 11-11 to a 30-14 victory over Mary and Dave Cox (David Rhys Jones writes).

Mary Aplin and Ian Sutherland, of Beaufort, joined them in the final when they, too, turned on a powerful second-half performance against Connie Stinchcombe and Martin Davies, of Knighton, to win 25-11.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: M Cox (Grango) and D Cox (Cardiff) bt R Mulligan (Aberdare) and J Male (Hartlepuhs), 25-15. B Morgan (Llandrindod Wells) and R Weale (Presteigne) bt C Worthing and P Williams (Beaufort), 32-12. M Aplin and I Sutherland (Beaufort) bt A Jones (Llanelli) and B Kingdon (Brynmyrtyr), 17-9. C Stinchcombe and M Davies (Knighton) bt P Bignell and C Follows (Abertridwr), 19-16. Semi-finals: Morgan and Weale bt Cox and Cox, 30-14. Aplin and Sutherland bt Stinchcombe and Davies, 25-11

IN BRIEF

Jones now in favour

WALES name their new rugby union captain in Cardiff this afternoon with Robert Jones, the Swansea scrum half, and Phil Davies, the Llanelli No. 8, as favourites.

Jones was ousted last season by Chris Bridges, from Neath. Since then, and the defeats in Australia, both Ron Waldron, the coach, and Paul Thorburn, the captain, have retired.

ATHLETICS: Yvonne Murray, Britain's 3,000 metres gold medal hope for the world championships in Tokyo, has also been entered for the 1,500 metres.

PAN AMERICAN GAMES: The Mexican rower, José Antonio Gomez, has been stripped of his gold medal in Cuba after testing positive for ephedrine, a banned substance.

GOLF: Gary McNeill won the Irish men's amateur championship at Ballybunion with a 3 and 1 victory over Niall Goulding.

BADMINTON: Simon Archer, aged 19, the young player of the year, has been included in the England squad of 13 for a four-nations tournament in The Netherlands on August 29 to 30.

MOTORCYCLING: The Australian rider, David Kruger, was killed yesterday when his Honda hit an oncoming vehicle during the ten-day Sydney to Darwin race.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan have signed Barrie-Jon Mather, aged 18, the former England Schools rugby union international player.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 4, Philadelphia Phillies 3; St Louis Cardinals 7, New York Mets 4; Montreal Expos 7, Chicago Cubs 6; Atlanta Braves 9, San Francisco Giants 2; Cincinnati Reds 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 3; Houston Astros 12, San Diego Padres 9.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City Royals 5, New York Yankees 0, and 8-1; Cleveland Indians 8, Boston Red Sox 6, and 5-7; Baltimore Orioles 4, Texas Rangers 3, and 9-7; California Angels 8, Minnesota Twins 3; Seattle Mariners 5, Oakland A's 2; Milwaukee Brewers 5, Toronto Blue Jays 4; Detroit Tigers 11, Chicago White Sox 9, and 4-8.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCH: Gloucestershire 125, Sussex 103.

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Semi-finals: Canterbury: Kent 249 (M A Ealham 100); Nottinghamshire 246-6 (M Newell 57). Nottinghamshire won by 4 wkts. Southampton: Surrey 279-8 (A D Brown 76, M A Butcher 65); Hampshire 257. Surrey won by 22 runs.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bagnorexfield: Shropshire 185-9 (A Parton 78, J B R Jones 50) and 49-1; Buckinghamshire 126 (A R Harwood 61; A B Byram 5-55). Hellston: Oxfordshire 200-8 dec and 178-8 dec; Cornwall 189-8 dec and 193 (R G Pusey 58; N A Arnold 5-50). Match tied. Trefi: Wales 244-6 dec (M Jones 97) and 2-0; Cheshire 158 (A Smith 7-52).

COOPERS DELOITTE WORLD RATINGS: Batting: 1, G A Gooch (Eng), 879pts; 2, R A Smith (Eng), 872; 3, R B Richardson (Wi), 829; 4, Shoaib Mohammad (Pak), 773; 5, M A Taylor (Aus), 742; 6, Imran Khan (Pak), 740; 7, Salim Malik (Pak), 739; 8, D L Haynes (Wi), 722; 9, M D Crowe (NZ), 721; 10, M Azharuddin (Ind), 710. Bowling: 1, M D Marshall (Wi), 877; 2, Waqar Younis (Pak), 852; 3, C E L Ambrose (Wi), 764; 4, Imran Khan, 761; 5, I Bishop (Wi), 748; 6, Wasim Akram (Pak), 747; 7, C J McDermott (Aus), 727; 8, B A Reid (Aus), 698; 9, A R C Fraser (Eng), 663; 10, M G Hughes (Aus), 658.

SQUASH RACKETS

HAMILTON: New Zealand open championships: Women: First round: S Davey (NZ) bt C Telford (NZ), 9-2, 9-2, 9-4; J Martin (Eng) bt B Conway (Ire), 10-8, 9-0, 9-1; F Gerrard (Eng) bt M MacDonald (Aus), 9-1, 9-0, 9-3; C Nash (Eng) bt D Newton (NZ), 9-7, 9-4, 1-9, 9-5; D Grady (Aus) bt A Owen (NZ), 9-1, 9-0, 9-2; N Soltan (Aus) bt A Teal (NZ), 9-6, 9-6, 9-0; S Wright (Eng) bt J Teal (NZ), 9-6, 9-4, 9-0; B Hoogendoorn (Neth) bt M Pearson (NZ), 9-6, 10-8, 9-4; R Reed (Aus) bt Pearson (NZ), 9-2, 9-3, 9-3; L Irving (Aus) bt H Dil (Neth), 9-1, 9-1, 9-2; S Bradley (Aus) bt D Holleran (US), 9-2, 9-4, 9-5; M Le Moignan (Eng) bt G Sayburn (NZ), 9-2, 9-2, 9-1; P Beamish (NZ) bt N Tallmabe (Fin), 7-9, 9-3, 9-4, 10-8; M Martin (Aus) bt S Langley (Eng), 9-10, 9-0, 9-2, 9-4, 9-1; T Myllymaki (Fin) bt J Smith (NZ), 9-5, 9-4, 9-4; R Lansbourne (Aus) bt S Downhill (Eng), 9-6, 9-4, 9-1.

CYCLING

STUTTGART: World championships: Men: Professional sprint: Quarter-finals: C Hall (Aus) bt M Hübner (Ger), 3-0 (11.00 and 10.89); S Pate (Aus) bt K Nemoto (Japan), 2-0 (11.16 and 11.14); F Colas (Fr) bt N Vails (US), 2-0 (11.28 and 11.08); C Gianesi (It) bt P Da Rocha (Fr), 2-0 (11.27 and 11.25). Amateur sprint: Third round (winners qualify for quarter-finals, remainder to repechage): B Huck (Ger) bt Pierre (Fr), 2-0; D Carruthers (Can) bt Darrelmont (Can); K Harwell (Can, 10.79) bt E Schaefa (Bel) and F Magne (Fr); J Riedler (Ger, 11.05) bt F Paris (It) and J-M Monaco (Sp); G Nelmand (Aus, 10.94) bt C Schiek (Ger) and D Leamye (Fr). Repechages: Lamaye (11.10) bt Brun; Schaefa (11.32) bt Morgan; Paris (11.11) bt Magne; Schiek (11.29) bt Dandenault. Amateur 4km individual pursuit: Semi-finals: J Lehmann (Ger, 4min 28.29sec) bt V Batsuro (USSR, 4.31.81); M Glöckner (Ger, 4.24.91) bt J-B Peterson (Den, 4.28.53; wins bronze medal as faster loser). Amateur motorpaced heat (first four qualify for final): 1, R Königshofer (Austria); 2, M van Baarle (Neth); at 1 lap; 3, C Podlesch (Ger); at 1 lap; 4, S Artar (Ger); at 2 laps; 5, S Crobbe Coreba (Fr); at 3 laps; 6, F Grouer (Switz); at 3 laps; 7, V Egorov (USSR); at 3 laps; 8, V Odesmartine (It); at 3 laps. Women: Sprint: Third round (winners qualify for quarter-finals): Hastings (Aus, 12.09sec) bt E Salantan (USSR) and N Even (Fr); A Neumann (Ger, 12.57) bt Wang Xuemei (China) and S Wolke (Ger); C Paraskevin-Young (US, 12.92) bt R Dupral (US) and I Gauthieron (Fr); F Belanger (Fr, 12.05) bt Zhou Lingmei (China) and C Enukidze (USSR). Repechages: Enukidze (12.38) bt Salumias; Wang Xuemei (12.42) bt Gauthieron; Dupral (12.31) bt Wolke; Zhou Lingmei (12.33) bt Even.

TOUR OF THE NETHERLANDS: Second stage (Hasselbergen to Reeks, 100km): 1, W Veensma (Neth), 3hr 20min 25sec; 2, T van Poppel (Neth); 3, M Donselaar (Neth); 5, Dynamo; 6, J Ludwig (Ger), 6hr 51min 24sec; 7, J Nijssen (Neth), same time; 8, J Talen (Neth), at 4sec.

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LIGURIAN: Trofeo Coppa Bernocchi (204km): 1, G Furlan (It), 5hr 02min 31sec; 2, A Giannelli (It) at 2sec; 3, A Tchmil (USSR), same time.

SNOOKER

STOKE: Trentham Gardens: Asian Open (England unless stated): First round: N Bond bt D Henry (Scot), 5-4; J Donnelly (Scot) bt G Foster, 5-4. Second round: P Harris bt S Manning, 5-2; J Read bt J Grech (Malta), 5-0; R Edmonds bt J Pegram, 5-4; P Lines bt T Wilson, 5-3; W Oliver bt J Rea (Scot), 5-3; S Lyndsay bt M Gauvreau (Can), 5-3, J Smith bt P O'Brien (Ire), 5-4; J Swail (N Ire) bt I Brumby, 5-4; S Judd bt J O'Boye, 5-0; M Smith bt Donnelly, 5-1; K Ashby bt D Campbell (Scot), 5-2; M Price bt A Higgins (N Ire), 5-2; A Hamilton bt K Owens, 5-2; P Medati bt B L'Orange (Ger), 5-3; P Ebdon bt R Bales, 5-3; P Browne (Ire) bt Bradley, 5-4.

FOOTBALL

B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Airdrie 2, Heart of Midlothian 3, Dundee United 4, St Mirren 1; Dunfermline 1, Celtic 3; Hibernian 2, St Johnstone 1; Rangers v Motherwell 0. First division: Clydebank 0, Raith Rovers 2; Forfar 2, Dundee 4, Kilmarnock 1, Hamilton 2; Montrose 1, Ayr United 3; Morton 2, Stirling Albion 1.

SKOL CUP: First round: Alloa 0, Stranraer 0 (Alloa won 8-7 on penalty kicks); East Fife 2, East Stirling (0.79); bt E Schaefa (Bel) and F Magne (Fr); J Riedler (Ger, 11.05) bt F Paris (It) and J-M Monaco (Sp); G Nelmand (Aus, 10.94) bt C Schiek (Ger) and D Leamye (Fr). Repechages: Lamaye (11.10) bt Brun; Schaefa (11.32) bt Morgan; Paris (11.11) bt Magne; Schiek (11.29) bt Dandenault. Amateur 4km individual pursuit: Semi-finals: J Lehmann (Ger, 4min 28.29sec) bt V Batsuro (USSR, 4.31.81); M Glöckner (Ger, 4.24.91) bt J-B Peterson (Den, 4.28.53; wins bronze medal as faster loser). Amateur motorpaced heat (first four qualify for final): 1, R Königshofer (Austria); 2, M van Baarle (Neth); at 1 lap; 3, C Podlesch (Ger); at 1 lap; 4, S Artar (Ger); at 2 laps; 5, S Crobbe Coreba (Fr); at 3 laps; 6, F Grouer (Switz); at 3 laps; 7, V Egorov (USSR); at 3 laps; 8, V Odesmartine (It); at 3 laps. Women: Sprint: Third round (winners qualify for quarter-finals): Hastings (Aus, 12.09sec) bt E Salantan (USSR) and N Even (Fr); A Neumann (Ger, 12.57) bt Wang Xuemei (China) and S Wolke (Ger); C Paraskevin-Young (US, 12.92) bt R Dupral (US) and I Gauthieron (Fr); F Belanger (Fr, 12.05) bt Zhou Lingmei (China) and C Enukidze (USSR). Repechages: Enukidze (12.38) bt Salumias; Wang Xuemei (12.42) bt Gauthieron; Dupral (12.31) bt Wolke; Zhou Lingmei (12.33) bt Even.

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GOLF

MONTROSE: British boys championships: Fourth round: D Jones (Sandiacre) bt L Kelly (Cowal), 6 and 5; I Pyman (Sand Moor) bt J Large (Southport and Ainsdale), 6 and 4; J Curtis (Dalsbury) bt E Forbes (Grantown-on-Spey), at 19th; R Walton (Calcot Park) bt S Cuninham (Ballybunion), 5 and 4; B Dredge (Glyn Hafod) bt D Grundy (Rieley), 4 and 3; K Nolan (Bray) bt J Rogers (West Byfleet), 2 and 1; A Brotto (It) bt G Spring (Wales), 1 hole; R Tang (Mountain Lakes) bt N Todtenhaupt (Bel), 2 holes; C Hazell (Sse) bt N Katsuguine (Fr), 3 and 2; N Archibald (Kingcknowe) bt L Bernadini (It), 4 and 3; R Coughlan (Birr) bt M Urquhart (Inverness), 4 and 3; I Fulton (Glenbervie) bt G Davis (Royal Mid-Surrey), 4 and 2; R Gillon (Fr) bt S Aslin (Royal Lytham and St Anne's), 7 hole; B Davis (East Herts) bt S Roberts (Kilspindie), 5 and 4; P Valera (Sp) bt I Weir (Hilton Park), 3 and 2; S Davis (Kedleston Park) bt S Delagrange (Fr), 2 and 1.

BALLYBUNION: Irish amateur championship: Third round: G McNeill (Warrenpoint) bt M Collins (Malone), 4 and 3; A Morrow (Portmarnock) bt F Gannon (Stranlea), 2 and 1; J Morris (Douglas) bt D Baker (Downpatrick), 5 and 4; P Hogan (Elm Park) bt G Morrison (Nenagh), 2 and 1; D O'Sullivan (Cork) bt T Camblen (Ballybunion), 5 and 3; E Mcklenstein (Ballybaley) bt D Snow (Portmarnock), 2 and 1; J Grant (The Island) bt R Hutton (Ardglass), 2 and 1; N Goulding (Portmarnock) bt D Coughlan (Douglas), 1 hole. Quarter-finals: McNeill bt Morrow, at 21st; Hogan bt Morris, 1 up; O'Sullivan bt McMenamin, 1 up; Goulding bt Grant, 3 and 2. Semi-finals: McNeill bt Hogan, 4 and 2; Goulding bt O'Sullivan, 1 up. Final: McNeill bt Goulding, 3 and 1.

PAN AMERICAN GAMES

CYCLING: Men: 184-kilometre road race: 1, R Merchan (Ven), 3hr 49min 57sec; 2, R Rodriguez (Cuba), same time; 3, W Magalhaes (Br), at 1sec. Women: 80-kilometre road race: 1, J Daley (US), 1hr 51min 21sec; 2, O Toms (Cuba), at 1min 10sec; 3, J Bolland (US), same time.

FENCING: Men's team epee: 1, Cuba, 2, Colombia; 3, United States.

FOOTBALL: Final: United States 3, Mexico 1. Play-off for third place: Cuba 1, Honduras 0.

SWIMMING: Men: 100m butterfly: 1, A Nesty (Surinam), 53.45sec; 2, M Morril (US), 54.80; 3, E Piscatelli (Br), 55.05. 400m individual medley: 1, A Kwiatkowski (US), 4min 22.95sec; 2, J Boutier (US), 4.26.25; 3, J Pratt (Can), 4.26.31. 4 x 200m freestyle relay: 1, United States, 7.23.39; 2, Brazil, 7.28.83; 3, Puerto Rico, 7.29.95. Women: 200m freestyle: 1, L Jacob (US), 2.02.06; 2, B Metz (US), 2.02.92; 3, K Paton (Can), 2.04.73. 200m breaststroke: 1, D Tierney (US), 2.28.66; 2, C Dubois (Can), 2.33.92; 3, L Flood (Can), 2.34.06.

WATER POLO: Final: Cuba 9, United States 5. Play-off for third place: Brazil 7, Canada 6.

YACHTING

PUCK, Poland: European windsurfing championships: Men: Lechner: Fourth race: 1, P de Chastigny (Fr); 2, C Maestrini (Fr), 3, J Hutchinson (US). Fifth race: 1, S van Berg (Neth); 2, A Fanbar (Isr); 3, de Chevigny; 4, Hunchcourt. Raceboard heavyweights: Fourth race: 1, G Cribb (GB); 2, J Bjorking (Swe); 3, A Hoekstra (Neth). Fifth race: 1, Hoekstra; 2, Bjorking; 3, T Abelian (Fr); 5, Cribb. Raceboard lightweights: Fourth race: 1, M Holy (Cze), 2, M Pols (Neth); 3, S Dolnarsky (Fr). Fifth race: 1, Holy; 2, Pols; 3, J Ballet Bez (Fr). Women: Lechner: Fourth race: 1, M Herbert (Fr). 2, A Herbert (Fr), 3, N Lelievre (Fr). Fifth race: As fourth. Raceboard: Fourth race: 1, P Tyler (GB); 2, L Pepersmans (Bel); 3, Y Goudsweard (Neth). Fifth race: 1, Tyler; 2, F Allandreu (Fr); 3, Goudsweard.

LARGS: IYRU world youth championships: Men: Laser: Eighth race: 1, B Davis (US); 2, R Schalot (Br), 3, G Miller (Can). Overall (after 8 races; 1 discard): 1, Schalot, 9pts; 2, Barker (NZ), 48; 3, R Soriano (Arg), 60.4. Britain: 12, J Bishop, 117. 420: Eighth race: 1, A Bonatacio and M Cleaux (It); 2, E Zukerman and E Ronen (Isr); 3, J Mylonas and M Tsamoyanis (Gr). British: 5, B Vines and E Low. Overall (after 8 races; 1 discard): 1, P Gibas and T Carlou (Fr), 34.7; 2, G Dorelda and D Wood (Sp), 38; 3, Zukerman and Ronen, 58.7. British: 5, Vines and Low, 64.1. Women: Laser Radial: Eighth race: 1, M Vidau (Sp), 2, L Kontseva (Rus); 3, C Brouwer (Neth). 4, K Percy (GB). Overall (after 8 races; 1 discard): 1, C Brouwer, 31.1; 2, Percy, 42.7; 3, S Schumann (Ger), 43.7.

TORBAY: Optimist national championships: Fourth race (subject to protest): 1, N Rogers (Royal Lymington); 2, C Draper (Weston), 3, J Green (Royal Lymington). Juniors: L Martin (Datchets).

RIFLE SHOOTING

OTTAWA: Canadian national championships: Mastodguard Trophy (300 metres and 600 yards: after tie): 1, N Brazier (GB), 99/25;5.5.5; 2, J Bennett (GB), 99/25;5.5.4; 3, K Cunningham (Can), 99/24. Ottawa Regiment Cup (300 metres): 1, P Tarreff (Can), 50; 2, A Ringler (GB), 49; 3, R Pitcher (Athelings), 49. Connaught Trophy (600 and 900 yards): other tied: 1, J Dugan (Can), 99/25;11-5.5; 2, J Paton (Can), 99/10;5;4. 3, P Chase (Can), 99/25;5x5. 5, J Langley (GBr), 99/23. Letson Match (300 metres, 500 and 600 yards): Tie to be resh bet between Bennett, C Beecher (GB), P Medhurst (GB), J Broomfield (GB), S Cleveland (Athelings) and two Canadians, all 104. Alexander of Tunis Cup (900 metres): Tie to be reshot between D Landow (Athelings), J Pugsley (GB) and three Canadians, all 47. Klondike Aggregate (grand aggregate so far): 1, J Dugan (Can), 438; 2, A Marion (Can), 436, 3, J Langley (GB) 427

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: United States hardcourt championships: Men's singles: First round: F Santoro (Fr) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-2, 6-2; D Pate (US) bt A Schneider (Can), 6-4, 7-5, R Fromberg (Aus) bt S Davis (US), 6-4, 6-2; G Stafford (SA) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; C N'Godrom (Fr) bt K Flanagan (NZ), 6-7, 7-5, 7-6; F Clavet (Sp) bt G Raoux (Fr), 7-5, 6-2, J Haasek (Switz) bt G Connell (Can), 7-6, 6-3, R Weiss (US) bt B Black (Zim), 6-3, 6-0; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 7-6, 6-4; K Kinnear (US)

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Hampshire's opposition in the NatWest Trophy at Lord's unresolved as bad light cuts short second semi-final

Final outcome hangs in the balance

By JOHN WOODCOCK

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Northamptonshire, with two wickets in hand, need 22 runs to beat Surrey

IN AN atmosphere of dreadful anti-climax, bad light stopped play at the Oval last night with Northamptonshire needing 22 runs from their last two wickets to qualify to meet Hampshire in the NatWest Trophy final on September 7. They have scored 187 for eight in pursuit of 209.

It had been until then not the high-scoring match that had been expected, but a very close one, watched by a large crowd in mostly warm and sunny weather. With a succession of straight, full-length and fast deliveries, Waqar Younis had given Surrey their chance of victory, and it was when Greig brought Waqar back for his last two overs that he umpires gave the Northamptonshire batsmen the chance to come off.

Under instructions from their captain, Lamb, they did so. To me, though, it would have made as much cricketing sense to have stayed on: it was certainly dark, but that was a handicap to the fielding side as well as to the batsmen, and Curran had his eye well in.

While Darren Bicknell and Stewart were together, playing well, a Surrey collapse seemed a remote possibility.

Surrey went comfortably past 50 with only Robinson out and Taylor, who had dismissed him, off the field, albeit briefly, with a groin strain. Yet at lunch, Surrey were 93 for six. When the last of their batsmen, Thorpe, went in the 44th over, they were 124 for seven, which would have been 125 for eight had Ripley caught Boiling as soon as he came in.

The running-out of Darren Bicknell started the trouble. Responding, willingly enough, to a call for a short single when Stewart dropped a defensive stroke only just in front of the popping crease, Bicknell was still an inch or two out when the bowler, Capel, following through, kicked the ball into the wicket.

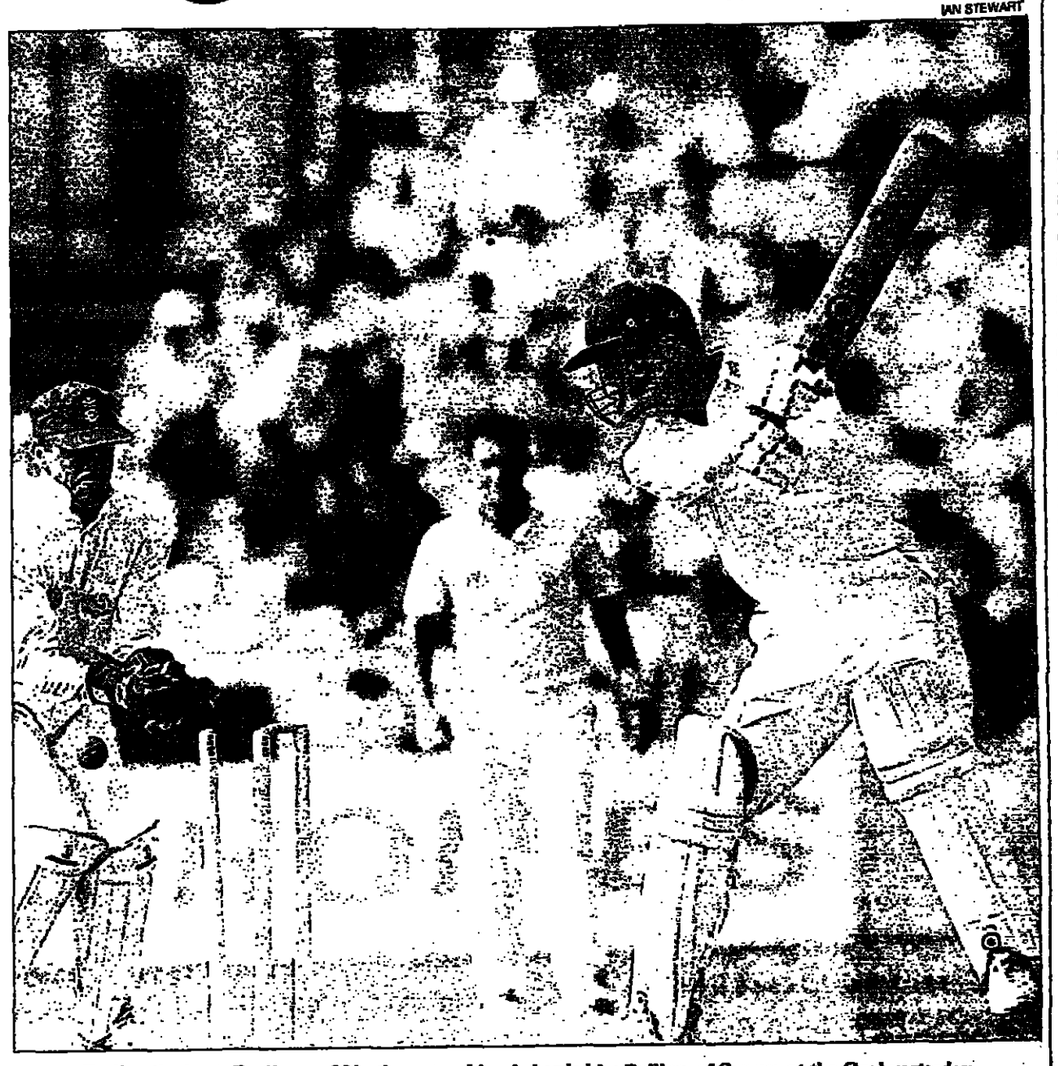
Only a cricketer of Capel's unbounded enthusiasm would have done that. It was in the eighteenth over. In the 23rd, Stewart swept Williams to square leg; in the 24th, Ward was beaten by a good one from Capel; in the 26th, Lynch was given out leg-before to Capel, and in the 33rd, Greig was more palpably leg-before to an off break from Williams.

For getting past 200 after all that, Surrey were indebted mainly to Martin Bicknell, who, in turn, was indebted to Boiling for staying with him while they added 62 in 14 overs. The time came when Bicknell the bowler was batting as well as Bicknell the batsman had, though he stands the other way round.

For a time, Northamptonshire's innings followed much the same contours as Surrey's. From 60 for no wicket they declined to 95 for four at tea, and then to 113 for five. Taking things in their stride at one moment, they were soon desperate for runs. Fordham and Larkins were both out to Boiling when seemingly in control. Fordham bowled as he made room to force through the off side and Larkins caught at mid-wicket.

Waqar accounted for Bailey and Capel, and Murphy for Lamb, a brilliant gully catch by Boiling, far to his right, causing Lamb understandable dismay. Watching approvingly was Boiling's fellow Old Rutlishian, the prime minister. By the time Waqar was brought back next, things were getting serious for Surrey, Curran and Baptiste being well into a partnership of 51. A roar of encouragement was all Waqar needed. In his second over he bowled Baptiste, and in his next he bowled Williams. The finish was all set up.

IAN STEWART



Feeling the heat: Fordham, of Northamptonshire, is bowled by Boiling, of Surrey, at the Oval yesterday

SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

SURREY	
D J Bicknell run out	21
D Robinson c Ripley b Taylor	0
†A J Stewart c Larkins b Williams	34
D M Ward b Capel	4
G P Thorpe c Larkins b Taylor	23
M A Lynch lbw b Capel	2
*I A Greig lbw b Williams	8
M P Bicknell not out	66
J Boiling c Williams b Capel	32
Waqar Younis b Walker	4
A J Murphy not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 13)	23
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs)	208

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-56, 3-70, 4-70, 5-72, 6-91, 7-124, 8-186, 9-194

BOWLING: Walker 12-3-32-1, Taylor 12-3-37-2, Curran 8-2-21-0, Baptiste 7-0-48-0, Capel 9-0 25-3, Williams 12-1-34-2

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	
A Fordham b Boiling	29
W Larkins c Thorpe b Boiling	31
R J Bailey c Stewart b Waqar	5
*A J Lamb c Boiling b M P Bicknell	24
D J Capel lbw b Waqar	6
K M Curran not out	38
E A E Baptiste b Waqar	34
R G Williams b Waqar	1
†D Ripley b M P Bicknell	3
A Walker not out	3
Extras	13
Total (8 wkts, 54 overs)	187

To bat: J P Taylor.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-73, 3-78, 4-91, 5-113, 6-164, 7-166, 8-174.

Umpires: B Dudleston and J H Hams

French toast double success

By BARRY PICKTHALL

FRENCH yachts carried off both the Admiral's Cup and Fastnet trophies last night after riding a wave of good fortune on the concluding day of the Fastnet race and Champagne Mumm series.

Their 50ft Corum Saphir, skippered by Luc Gellusseau, was the first of the Admiral's Cup yachts to complete this 605-mile test of patience, slipping across the Plymouth finish line 20 minutes ahead of Japan's Will.

Even more impressive, however, was the performance of Corum Diamant, the French One Tonner steered by Xavier Phelipon, which not only won the class, but also beat the larger Two Ton rivals to win overall. This, combined with the second-place effort of Philippe Delhumeau in the Two Tonner, Corum Rubis, lifted the French from fourth to win the Admiral's Cup for the first time.

The outcome remained in doubt for more than an hour. If Vibes, the United States' One Tonner, could finish third in her class, the French would have been beaten by a quarter of a point. But it was not to be. Vibes crossed fifth, demoting the Americans to third behind the Italians.

As the champagne began to flow, it was apparent that the British team were to suffer their third-worst result in the 34-year history of the Cup. Juno V, skippered by Mike McIntyre, approached the line a dismal seventh with her crew hiding below decks and a dummy, head hung low, strung in the rigging.

The RAF's troubled Two Tonner, Wings of Oracle, skippered by Stuart Childerley, fared just as badly, but finished with the added embarrassment of having her smaller One ton team colleague, Port Pendennis, cross ahead of her. Their scoreline of 7, 7, 4, dropped the British from second to fourth in the standings, a dismal result.

The worst performance within the British team was that of Wings of Oracle, which finished sixth in her class, beating only Australia's chartered Two tonner, Bimblegumbie, and the Japanese-chartered Carino, which dropped out after being dismasted during the third race.

Wings of Oracle lacked for nothing in terms of sails or equipment after Oracle, the software firm drawn in to buying the Bruce Farr design for the RAF, lavished more money on the project than that spent by the entire French team. Her failure is the result of mismanagement, coupled with a succession of crew sackings made too late.

Last night the French toast was to Jean Yves Bernot, their weather routing expert who picked the shifts that lifted Corum Saphire to the top of the points table.

RESULTS: Admiral's Cup: Fastnet results: 50ft class: 1, Corum Saphir (L Gellusseau, Fr); 2, Will (T Toya, Japan); 3, Container (B Bekking, Ger); 4, Champagne VII (K Worthington, US); 5, Mandrake Krida (J Kolius, It). Two ton class: 1, Bravura (R Towse, US); 2, Corum Rubis (P Delhumeau, Fr); 3, Bimblegumbie (K Jacobs, Aus); 4, Rubin XII (R Reemtsma, Ger); 5, Larouge (L Bortolotti, It). One ton class: 1, Corum Diamant (X Phelipon, Fr); 2, Brava (F de Angelis, It); 3, Zurich Formula (J Host, Den); 4, Port Pendennis (A Hunt, GB); 5, Vibes (D Clarke, US). Final team positions (with placings of 50ft, two ton and one ton yachts in Fastnet race): 1, France (1, 2, 1), 138.75pts; 2, Italy (5, 5, 2), 138.13; 3, United States (4, 1, 5), 134; 4, Britain (7, 7, 4), 112.88; 5, Germany (3, 4, 8), 99.5; 6, Denmark (6, 6, 3), 99; 7, Japan (2, DNC, 7), 66.75; 8, Australia (8, 3, 6), 57. Fastnet race (provisional): 1, Corum; 2, Rothmans (L Smith, GB); 3, Ake Larson (L Ingvall, Fin); 4, Bravura; 5, Corum Rubis

Nicholas lays jinx to rest

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Hampshire beat Warwickshire by nine wickets

HAMPSHIRE have waited 29 years for this day but it passed with such anti-climactic formality that their overpowering emotion can only have been bewilderment that it has taken so long. Warwickshire, the championship leaders, were brushed aside by nine wickets and Mark Nicholas can at long last lead his team into the showpiece cup final of the county season.

Seven times before, including four times in six years under Nicholas's captaincy, Hampshire have fallen at this semi-final stage of the NatWest Trophy. It had become one of the game's jokes and when, last season, they lost by one run to Northamptonshire, there were those at the club who began to believe they were jinxed.

Nicholas was not among them and yesterday, having boldly continued his policy of playing two specialist spin bowlers, he saw his faith vindicated in style. This was not the contest that 14,000 people had come to Edgbaston to see; it was not a contest at all. Hampshire simply stifled the Warwickshire innings in its adolescence and then scored the 173 runs required without a hint of the self-doubt which has so often betrayed them.

Robin Smith's 64 from 85 balls included 11 fours, mostly struck with savage power, but it was Paul Terry, his steady partner in a stand worth 110 in 25 overs, who won the man-of-the-match award from Basil D'Oliveira.

The margin of victory, with ten overs to spare, was not only among the most comprehensive ever seen at this stage of the 60-overs competition, it also maintained Hampshire's habit of winning at a canter when batting second. In four rounds of the trophy, they have lost only six wickets.

This latest win was all the more meritorious for being achieved on a mottled pitch of sluggish pace and low bounce. Theoretically, it was all against Hampshire but they kept to their usual game-plan and swamped a team whose lack of quality batting was thoroughly exposed.

As Warwickshire like to bat first and Hampshire do not, the captains could probably have done away with the toss. Although Moles was an early casualty, caught at second slip, Asif Din and Lloyd put on 49 in 16 overs and the innings had a substantial platform when two of the young players who will form Hampshire's future combined to begin the slide.

Lloyd drove at the off spin of Udal in a flurry of bat and pad; Aymes completed an awkward stumping with great dexterity. Asif was now becalmed, Ostler perished through an impatient drive and between the 20 and 30-over mark Warwickshire had mustered 19 for two.

Asif and Neil Smith fell either side of lunch to Maru, who completed his 12 overs for just 20 runs. The slower he had bowled, the harder he had been to hit and, with Nicholas shrewdly using both spin bowlers and an urgent change-over, Warwickshire scored only seven runs from nine overs after the break.

With ten overs remaining, the innings was in ruins at 128 for seven but Dermot Reeve dragged it to respectability. He was dropped on 40 by the excellent Connor but brought up his half-century with three rousing blows off James.

It was only going to be enough if Donald struck spectacularly, but he was never at his best and the Warwickshire faithful in a noisy crowd were deserting the ground long before the end. At 63, Hampshire lost Chris Smith, who must negotiate a postponement of his new job in Australia if he is to play in the final.

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Terry: man of the match

SCOREBOARD FROM EDGBASTON

WARWICKSHIRE	
A J Moles c Terry b Connor	4
Asif Din c Aymes b Maru	44
*T A Lloyd st Aymes b Udal	18
D P Ostler c Terry b James	3
D A Reeve not out	57
N M K Smith c Udal b Maru	0
P A Smith c Aymes b Connor	14
†K J Piper c and b Connor	1
G C Small c Aymes b Connor	2
T A Munton b Aqib	5
A A Donald c Nicholas b Aqib	1
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 6, nb 8)	23
Total (58.5 overs)	172

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-66, 3-77, 4-94, 5-96, 6-124, 7-128, 8-134, 9-170

BOWLING: Aqib 11.5-1-34-2, Connor 12-2-29-4, James 11-0-50-1, Udal 12-3-30-1, Maru 12-5-20-2.

HAMPSHIRE	
V P Terry not out	82
C L Smith c Reeve b N Smith	23
R A Smith not out	64
Extras (b 6, lb 11, w 5, nb 2)	24
Total (1 wkt, 50 overs)	173

D I Gower, *†M C J Nicholas, K D James, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, R J Maru, C A Connor, Aqib Javed did not bat.*

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63.

BOWLING: Donald 9-0-41-0, Small 5-2-32-0, Munton 8-1-25-0, Reeve 5-4-1-11-0, N Smith 8-1-17-1, Asif Din 3-0-10-0, P Smith 6.2-0-19-0

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and B Leadbetter

Gooch agrees on full winter commitment

By ALAN LEE

GRAHAM Gooch finally put the England cricket committee out of its misery yesterday by agreeing to undertake the full three months of this winter's tour schedule, which includes three Test matches in New Zealand and the World Cup in Australasia. His tenure as captain was immediately extended until next summer.

Even as the team management solved, with great relief, a dilemma which has preyed on them all summer, another problem arose. Michael Atherton, the natural deputy to Gooch, has all but discounted himself from the tour after being told he will need four months' complete rest after surgery on his injured back. There is no other, obvious vice-captain, creating scope for a remarkable return to authority by Ian Botham.

Quite rightly, Ted Dexter, chairman of the committee, will feel that a crucial stability has been maintained through Gooch's decision. Reappointing him was a formality so far as Dexter and Micky Stewart, the England manager, were concerned, but it was no formality for Gooch, who had told his co-selectors as long ago as April that he did not wish to tour New Zealand.

The change of heart has not been spontaneous, nor has it been made without considerable agonising. Another series as depressing as last winter's in Australia would assuredly have persuaded Gooch to close his touring career, with the consequently inevitable loss of the captaincy. But the response he gained from his players this summer, and the result that was achieved against West Indies, has so heartened him that he would have found it a wrench to give up with the job, as he sees it, only half done.

Gooch had still not given Dexter his decision when he left the Oval on Monday. They spoke yesterday morning, whereupon a statement was drafted and issued within hours. Gooch will now lead the side against Sri Lanka next week, just as he did in 1988, his second Test as captain and his first victory. He will also be in charge in New Zealand, the one country in which he has yet to play Test cricket.

Atherton's withdrawal from the winter cricket is a further embarrassment to the concept of advance tour contracts. Of the seven England men given contracts for the winter, at more than £20,000 each, two have long-term injuries and three more have been dropped from the team.

The question of a vice-captain will be discussed only when the tour party is chosen on September 9. Derek Pringle, Gooch's No. 2 at Essex, must be favourite if he wins selection; if not, the candidates will include Alec Stewart, Jack Russell and, just maybe, Botham.

As Stewart cannot be certain of making the Test team and Russell's introvert personality will count against him, there is more than an outside chance that the job will go to Botham. He failed as a Test captain, his 12 matches without a win ending in him jumping before he was pushed, but he is a more mature man these days and his contributions on and off the field at the Oval were noted with approval by those who matter.

Botham is keener to play in the World Cup than on the seven-week mission to New Zealand but, if his inclusion is thought desirable, the perk of the vice-captaincy might be sufficient to ensure both his overall availability and his commitment.

☐ Two former England captains, Mike Smith and Peter May, have been named as match referees for the India-Australia Test series this winter, the first such appointments to be made.

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Record fee captures Woods

By IAN ROSS

CHRIS Woods, the England international goalkeeper, became the most expensive football player in Sheffield Wednesday's history yesterday when he completed a £1.2 million transfer from Rangers.

Woods severed his ties with the Scottish champions just two months after the arrival of Andy Goram from Hibernian left him facing the prospect of reserve team football at Ibrox.

Trevor Francis, the Wednesday player-manager, completed the deal late on Tuesday night after increasing an initial bid of around £800,000, one which had been matched by both Chelsea and Southampton.

The fee comfortably surpasses Wednesday's previous transfer record of £750,000, which was established earlier this summer when Paul Warhurst moved to Hillsborough from Oldham Athletic.

"It is not every day that the chance to sign the best goalkeeper in England comes along," Francis said. "I had given my two other goalkeepers, Kevin Pressman and Chris Turner, their chance in our warm-up games, and I was on the brink of deciding which one to use when I got the chance to sign Chris.

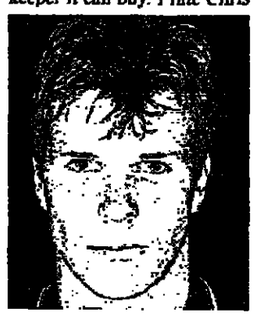
"In my book, any club which wants to be successful has to have the best goalkeeper it can buy. I rate Chris just ahead of David Seaman, of Arsenal."

Woods said that a desire to establish himself as England's first-choice goalkeeper ahead of Seaman was instrumental in his decision to return to English football.

Gary Gillespie, the Liverpool and Scotland defender, travelled to Glasgow yesterday and is expected to complete a £1 million transfer to Celtic this morning.

Liam Brady, the Celtic manager, is anxious to complete the deal before today's Uefa deadline for the registration of players for the first three rounds of this season's European competitions expires.

David Speedie and Ronnie Rosenthal held talks with Don Mackay, the manager of Blackburn Rovers, after Liverpool accepted a combined bid of £1 million from the second-division club.



Woods: record transfer

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Support for power sharing

By RICHARD EVANS

THE Jockey Club will be encouraged in its historic move towards sharing responsibility for running racing. In response to the club's proposals in *The Times* yesterday for a new democratic body to run the sport, leading figures in racing insisted that the creation of a British authority was a necessity.

Peter Jones, president of the Racehorse Owners Association, said: "It is essential. It will be impossible for us, for example, if the next levy scheme goes to dispute, to go to the home secretary waving one part of the select committee's recommendations without having considered in great detail and made some move on what many people regard as the most important element in its proposals – that the Jockey Club reforms itself. Having got the momentum going to this point, the industry will not allow the position to slip back."

Lord Hartington, the Jockey Club's senior steward, is heading a select group which is expected to put forward its proposals to club members in October. "His biggest problem is within the club," Jones said. "They are accusing Stoker [Hartington] of selling off the family silver. He is like a combination of Gorbachev and De Klerk – except he is facing more difficult problems."

Jones and the ROA have been working with the Jockey Club during the parliamentary enquiries, "but always with the view that there would be some kind of power sharing coming out of this in the longer run".

The Racecourse Association, which represents the country's 59 tracks, would have a key role in any authority and Stanley Jackson, the managing director, gave a qualified welcome to the structural moves. But he warned: "Any power structure which does not reflect the practical realities of the way the racing industry works will not get off the ground."

It is understood that Lord Hartington and his colleagues want the new authority to be called the Jockey Club. That would almost certainly be unacceptable to other racing sectors. "Our feeling is that it should be called the British Racing Authority, British Racing Board or British Racing Trust," Jackson said.

In a statement yesterday, the Jockey Club said it was "continuing to develop proposals for structural changes consistent with the proposition for the formation of a racing board which it put forward with the Horseracing Advisory Council to the home affairs select committee enquiries on the levy and the Tote".

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